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**Los Alamos investigation:** A report concludes two computer disks that disappeared — prompting a virtual shutdown at one of the nation's leading nuclear weapons laboratories — never existed. In a harshly worded review that described severe security weaknesses at the nuclear weapons lab in Albuquerque, N.M., the Energy Department concluded bar codes were recorded for the disks, but the disks themselves were never created.

**Archdiocese sex scandal trial:** The wife of a man who was allegedly raped as a child by defrocked priest Paul Shanley said her spouse had night sweats and curled up on the floor after recovering memories of the alleged abuse.

**Testifying Friday in Shanley's rape trial** in Cambridge, Mass., the woman said her husband became distraught during a Feb. 11, 2002, phone conversation when she told him about a newspaper article in which a close friend of his described being abused by Shanley.

**Chemical fire in Washington:** A chemical fire that burned for nearly two days in Grandview, Wash., finally went out Friday and authorities allowed hundreds of evacuated residents to return home.

State and federal authorities continued to monitor air quality in the area, said Lt. Jim Keightley, spokesman for the State Patrol.

**Hmong refugee resettlement:** The resettlement of thousands of Hmong refugees from Thailand has been temporarily halted because tuberculosis has been diagnosed among some refugees in the United States and at the camp, the U.S. State Department announced Friday.

To date, four of the estimated 2,123 Hmong refugees who have resettled in Wisconsin since June have tested positive for active tuberculosis and are undergoing treatment, said Jeffrey Davis, chief medical officer for communicable diseases with the state Division of Public Health.

**Pledge of Allegiance case:** An official in a small tourist town sued his colleagues Friday, saying they're unfairly targeting him for recall over his refusal to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at board meetings.

Estes Park, Colo., town trustee David Haebecker, who describes himself as agnostic, says the words "under God" in the pledge violate his religious beliefs and are at odds with the separation of church and state, according to his lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Denver.

**Ohio election challenge:** Four lawyers behind a failed challenge of Ohio's presidential election results defended themselves Friday against the state attorney general's efforts to have them sanctioned for filing a "meritless claim."

In legal documents filed with the Ohio Supreme Court, the lawyers said the challenge they filed on behalf of 37 voters included enough evidence of voting irregularities to back up their allegations of wide-



**Cuban-boy raid suit:** Maria Riera, right, and Jesus Rodriguez, talk to the media Monday in Miami, after testifying in the Elian Gonzalez civil lawsuit filed by people who lived near the raid site. Riera was doused with tear gas during the raid. Riera was the opening witness in the trial of 13 people seeking damages on claims that federal agents used unnecessary excessive force during the April 2000 raid, leaving them injured and emotionally distraught.

spread fraud.

The filing by Cliff Arnebeck, Robert Frtrakis, Susan Truitt and Peter Peckarsky was in response to Attorney General Jim Petro's Jan. 19 request to sanction them.

**Fla. right-to-die case:** In the latest effort to keep a severely brain-damaged Florida woman alive, a lawyer for Terri Schiavo's parents argued Friday that she should have been represented by her own attorney throughout the legal proceedings.

The parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, have waged a long fight in several courts to prevent their daughter's husband, Michael, from removing the feeding tube that keeps her alive.

**Nevada state initiatives:** Three state initiatives — including one that would make Nevada the first state to legalize possession of small amounts of marijuana — were revived Friday when a judge ruled that the secretary of state was wrong to raise petition requirements while signatures were being gathered.

If the Legislature does not approve the initiatives, including two anti-smoking measures, they will end up on the 2006 election ballot.

**Human smuggling trial:** A Houston judge on Friday denied a request by the alleged ringleader behind the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt to withdraw her guilty plea in the case.

The decision came after a court hearing that included secret testimony by a confidential informant and open testimony by a deputy constable who admitted he lied to defense attorneys about possible bribery.

Karla Patricia Chavez pleaded guilty in June to one count of conspiring to harbor and transport illegal immigrants in a manner that led to their deaths.

## World

**Vatican and annulments:** Pope John Paul II on Saturday reiterated his disapproval of granting marriage annulments too easily, telling members of a Vatican tribunal that there is a risk of falsity and corruption during the process.

The pontiff made the remarks in a speech at Vatican City to the Roman Rota, the Vatican tribunal that can grant marriage annulments. He has often complained in the past that the Church was granting annulments too often, and has frequently spoken out about the sanctity of marriage.

**Al-Qaida arrests in Germany:** An alleged al-Qaida member arrested last week told authorities he was sent to Germany by Osama bin Laden to recruit participants for holy war, a leading weekly reported Saturday. Frankfurt police told Der Spiegel weekly they had overheard the man, identified only as Ibrahim Mohamed K., a 29-year-old Iraqi, telling a friend in code used by al-Qaida supporters that bin Laden had sent him on the mission.

## War on terrorism

**Gitmo hearings:** Secretive proceedings aimed at determining whether terror suspects at the U.S. prison camp in Guantanamo Bay pose a threat or hold valuable intelligence are continuing without media access, prompting fierce criticism of the camp after an insider described how female interrogators used sexual innuendo to break Muslim prisoners.

With two more hearings scheduled for Friday, the Administrative Review Boards started more than two months ago to decide whether detainees still pose a threat to the United States or have intelligence value.

The military has acknowledged holding 16 hearings.

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# 2 dead in attack on U.S. Embassy in Iraq

## Eight Iraqis, one GI killed in election-eve attacks; insurgents bomb polling places

The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD** — A rocket hit the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad on Saturday, killing two Americans who worked there and wounding four others on the eve of Iraq's landmark elections, a U.S. Embassy official said on the condition of anonymity.

The rocket fell into the Embassy's compound, near the building itself in the heavily fortified Green Zone in central Baghdad, according to the embassy official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

One civilian and one Navy sailor, both assigned to the embassy, were killed in the rocket attack, a military official said, also on condition of anonymity. Of the four injured Americans, two were military, one was a civilian and the fourth was as yet unidentified, the military official said.

Insurgents killed eight Iraqis and a U.S. soldier in other attacks Saturday and blasted polling places across the country on the eve of landmark elections, at Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's government urged Iraqis to overcome their fear of violence and vote.

The soldier from Task Force Baghdad was killed by a roadside bomb in a western district of the capital, the military said.

Bursts of heavy machine gun fire riddled through central districts at midday, and several heavy weapons fired from a town area in the afternoon. Ameri-



An Iraqi guards a polling station Saturday as a child peers out at him in the Al Saei district of Basra, in southern Iraq. Security remains heavy leading into Sunday's elections.

can fighter jets roared through the skies in a show of force.

Iraqi police and soldiers set up checkpoints through streets largely devoid of traffic as the nation batted down for the vote, with a

nighttime curfew imposed across the country and the borders sealed.

Seven American soldiers were killed Friday in the Baghdad area, including two pilots who

died in the crash of their OH-58 Kiowa Warrior helicopter.

West of the capital, in the insurgent bastion of Ramadi, five Iraqis with hands tied behind their backs were found slain Saturday

on a city street. One of the bodies was decapitated. Militants accused them of working for the Americans.

Sunni Muslim extremists have warned Iraqis not to participate in the election Sunday, threatening to "wash the streets" in blood.

At a press conference, Allawi's spokesman sought to boost Iraqi morale, appealing to his countrymen to take part in the election.

"I encourage the Iraqi people to overcome their fear. It is important. It will preserve the integrity of Iraq," spokesman Thaeer al-Naqeeb said. "If you vote... the terrorists will be defeated."

Allawi ordered a 30-day extension of the state of emergency in place across the country, except for Kurdish areas in the north, his office said in a statement. The current state of emergency, first declared in November, was to run out on Feb. 8. President Ghazi al-Yawer acknowledged that the violence and insurgent threats could keep many from voting — though he said he expected a majority to cast ballots and that few would stay away because of calls for a boycott by some Sunni clerics who say the vote is illegitimate.

"We hope, God willing, that turnout at polling stations will be high," al-Yawer told Al-Arabia television.

Attacks on polling stations were reported in at least eight cities in the north and the far north to Basra in the south.

## After extensive planning, Iraqis head to polls

By HAMZA HENDAWI

The Associated Press

**YOUSSEFIYAH, Iraq** — Just ahead of the first free balloting in Iraq in half a century, the nation flattened down for the vote, imposing a curfew and closing Baghdad International Airport.

The curfew will remain in effect through Monday and Tuesday's borders will be sealed for the election period. Medical teams are on alert and nationwide restrictions on traffic will be imposed from Saturday to Monday to try and deter car bombs.

About 300,000 Iraqi, American and other multinational troops and police will provide security for the voting at 5,300 polling centers.

Voters will choose a 275-member National Assembly and governing councils in the 18 provinces. Voters in the Kurdish-rich north will choose a new regional parliament.

Expatriate Iraqis began casting ballots amid tight security in early voting in 14 countries on Friday.

There were few election posters or banners Friday but plenty of graffiti protesting death to voters in Youssefiyah, a heavily Sunni Arab area south of Baghdad, where nostalgia for Saddam endures and hostility toward the United States is widespread.

Majority Shiite Iraqis make up an estimated 60 percent of the population, are expected to turn

## Q&A: How results will be compiled and counted

The Associated Press

**Who will compile, assess and announce the election results?** The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq, assisted by U.N. advisers, will announce partial results on election night. Complete results could take as long as 7-10 days to compile, however. What the commission says about both turnout and results will probably be the most credible information about the vote.

No independent groups are believed to be planning exit polling, mostly out of security concerns.

U.S. officials advise the electoral commission, but they have said they will play mostly a behind-the-scenes role on election day.

**Who will watch for possible problems?** The elections will be observed by 128 international monitors working inside Iraq, and many others watching from neighboring countries like Jordan. While the number inside the country is relatively small,

any concerns these monitors raise about the vote's fairness or problems with ballots, for example, would be considered credible.

About 18,000 Iraqis have been trained as independent monitors to stand at polls and observe. Another 23,000 representative from Iraqi political parties will keep a close eye on what happens.

**Who will count and announce the number of Iraqis who voted, and how will observers know if the voters are Shiite Arabs, Kurds or Sunni Arabs?** The Iraqi electoral commission will compile all ballots nationwide, and thus eventually will have a complete turnout figure. But that could take 10 days or more to compile.

Some parts of Iraq are heavily Shiite. If large numbers of people show up at the polls in those neighborhoods, then it's likely Shiite turnout will be high. The same goes for Kurdish areas. It could be more difficult to tell the extent of Sunni turnout because Sunnis more often live in mixed Sunni-Shiite neighborhoods.

A Western election adviser in Baghdad said Sunni turnout could be as high as 50 percent if election day violence is low and if the boycott call is not heeded. But it could also be as low as 15 percent, the adviser said on condition of anonymity. Key Shiite candidates repeatedly have sought to reassure Sunni Arabs that, regardless of how they fare in the election, they will be included in the next government and the drafting of a new constitution.

## Bush: Vote won't end Iraq violence

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush cautioned that Iraq's elections will not put an end to terrorist violence. But he said the vote will mark the beginning of peace, stability, prosperity and justice for the troubled country.

"Tomorrow's election will add to the momentum of democracy," Bush said in using his weekly radio address Saturday to describe his long-term goal for the United States to help rid the world of tyranny.

He said terrorists will stop at nothing to prevent or disrupt Sunday's voting because so much is at stake. "The terrorists and those who have benefited from the tyranny of Saddam Hussein know that free elections will expose the emptiness of their vision for Iraq."

Bush has a lot at stake, as well. Polls show Americans are growing increasingly anxious about the war, which has cost the lives of more than 1,400 U.S. troops.

The U.S. is pouring more than \$1 billion a week into Iraq, forcing Bush to ask Congress for an additional \$80 billion in wartime funds. About 150,000 Americans are serving in Iraq.

out in large numbers Sunday, as are the Kurds. Iraqis will choose from among 111 lists of candidates for the National Assembly, rather than voting for individuals, and the ticket endorsed by the Shiite clerical hierarchy is expected to fare best.

Here and elsewhere in Sunni strongholds, however, insurgents do not have to do much to persuade people to boycott the vote.

Many Sunni Arabs, who make

up about 20 percent of the population, believe Sunday's balloting will be tainted by the American occupation and Iranian meddling.

Many plan to stay home, threatening the legitimacy of the vote.

U.S. officials say security concerns — rather than political convictions — will largely determine who comes out to vote.

At the United Nations in New York, spokesman Fred Eckhard said "everything has been set in place for a valid election process."

# Young GIs open democracy's door ...

## Army's youth take leadership roles during election set-up

BY TERRY BOYD

*Stars and Stripes*

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE WILSON, Iraq** — Sgt. 1st Class Clifford Jackson, all of 28 years old, is in control.

"Are you completely comfortable with this?" Jackson asks as he grills Rafaa, a nervous Iraqi election worker, Thursday afternoon.

A successful election in a rural section of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment's vast area of responsibility rests entirely on Rafaa's ability to train a group of 40 sheiks. First Infantry Division officers based in Schweinfurt, Germany, recruited the sheiks at the last minute after poll workers quit in the sheiks' villages.

"Which comes back to you," Jackson says to Rafaa as he slapped his big hand on the election official's small shoulder, using his 5-foot-10-inch, bulked-up frame to impress his point on the smaller Iraqi.

If Rafaa, who would not give his full name, thinks Friday's crash-course training session on ballots and ballot boxes — only 48 hours before the elections — didn't take, he needs to conduct it again, Jackson says.

Jackson has huge authority for a young noncommissioned officer. He is quickly mastering Arabic and has, perhaps, just the right personality to cope.

"I'm on the line between cocky and confident. Occasionally I cross the line to one side, sometimes the other," he says, laughing.

Confidence, even cockiness, may be a desirable character trait when Iraq's future — not to mention U.S. policy in Iraq — rests on shoulders of twenty-something soldiers and officers. If the election comes off in this area south-east of Tikrit, it will be because relatively junior troops across Iraq improvised and bluffed their way through endless complications, such as terrorists leaflets



PHOTOS BY TERRY BOYD/Stars and Stripes

Sheikh Abdullah Kareem, right, confers with Capt. Brendan Dignan during a break in a meeting between local community leaders and 1st Infantry Division troops, who are working behind the scenes to assist in the election process.

"from the Highest Messenger of God" promising death for those who vote.

Election workers quit. Sheiks come forward. But problem not necessarily solved.

Every plan needs a contingency because something is going to go wrong, says Capt. Brendan Dignan, 26. It's analogous to any battle, he says. Senior officers develop the strategy, with junior officers and NCOs executing.

But no one — Dignan, the Troop C fire support officer, Jackson, who works with Iraqi troops at Forward Operating Base Wilson; Maj. Keith Barclay, the squadron executive officer; or Capt. Paul Krattiger, Troop C commander —

has training for this. They're improvising every moment.

In a Thursday meeting chaired by Dignan at a staff conference room on FOB Wilson, the sheiks have, in the words of one, "deep reservations about the election."

They want to know if the Iraqi election committee will even recognize them as legitimate representatives, which hasn't happened yet. Can they even learn the election mechanics? they ask.

After all, elders tell a fresh-faced Dignan, they may be sheiks and community leaders, but they still are mostly illiterate farmers.

Dignan counters with wisdom and silver diplomacy beyond his years.

"Yes, but I know you to be wise men. I respect you as leaders of the community ... and men of great intelligence," he says. The government will recognize them, and everything is going to be fine, he says with quiet authority.

Everything is going perfectly, is his subliminal message.

But to Rafaa — who, it is becoming clear, is not meeting Dignan's expectations — the captain is firm. Rafaa has to take control of the meeting.

"This is your deal," he says bluntly to Rafaa. "I don't want to talk."

Rafaa, he continues, must explain the election materials so the sheiks can go home and teach their people how to hold the election. "That's why you're here," Dignan says through a translator. "We discussed this yesterday."

Rafaa reluctantly agrees to a brief interview, which boils down to his having pretty much no confidence that the election will even come off.

"We hope, *Insha'allah*," he says, using the Arabic phrase for "God's will."

By Friday afternoon, the election process is collapsing. Rafaa find a bomb in a polling booth. Intelligence reports indicate the plan may be to blow up polling stations on Election Day. The Iraqis know that not everyone in the room will survive the elections.

"Maybe not tomorrow. Maybe not next week," one poll worker says. But maybe a month from now, insurgents will kill him.

As the mutiny grows among the election workers at Ad-Daw, Krattiger sweetens the deal, suggesting soldiers in civilian clothes could provide additional security at voting stations.

"There will be more security out there than you can think of," he says. "What we need is for you to be strong inside the polling areas to make sure the people can vote."

"May I remind you you're now part of history," Dignan says quietly. "The whole world is watching ..."

Barclay arrives after noon to try to quell the mutiny.

It's extremely unlikely that fellow tribe members will kill them, Barclay says. But as concerns grow, and more election workers balk, soldiers know that they have to instill confidence and courage.

Finally, in the early afternoon, Barclay pulls the mutineers aside for a Knute Rockne "are you a coward or patriot?" speech.

This is not about electing a president or prime minister, he begins. This is about electing the people who'll write Iraq's constitution.

"And a constitution is forever," he says.

Fifteen years down the line, what will they be able to say they did "on the day of the first great Iraqi election?" Barclay asks.

"I don't need guys who are going to quit on me when the going gets tough," he says.

Finally, soldiers and Iraqis reach a compromise — election workers will only help voters, but won't sign ballots. Iraqi soldiers will sign the ballots.

Despite working through countless puzzlingly trivial nuances, 1st ID soldiers and officers stay stoked.

"The way we look at it," Jackson says, "is that we're part of the biggest step Americans have taken here."

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Staff Sgt. Clifford Jackson monitors the radio during a meeting Thursday between sheiks and 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment officials. Jackson is one of the young soldiers working with Iraqis on the election.



# High hopes, low turnout for expat voters

BY BEN FOX

The Associated Press

IRVINE, Calif. — The father and son drove for six hours to a decommissioned military base in California to cast their ballots, realizing a dream neither expected to come true in their lifetimes. Thousands of miles away, in polling stations in Syria, Turkey and Iran, that jubilation was echoed as Iraqis stepped up to participate in their country's first free elections in a half century.

"If we don't vote, who else would come forward to define the future of Iraq? It's very important to take this step toward democracy," said Leo Bahrieh, 46, who drove with his father, Ehsan Bahrieh, 84, from their Redwood City, Calif., home to the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station where an estimated 3,900 expatriate Iraqis are registered to vote.

In the United States, about 10 percent of those believed eligible registered to vote. Nearly 26,000 Iraqi expatriates registered beginning last week to vote in polling places near five U.S. cities.

Around the world — in 14 countries — the sense of jubilation is echoed as Iraqis, many of whom fled the country decades ago to escape Saddam Hussein's authoritarian regime, cast their ballots to select a 275-seat National Assembly that will appoint a new govern-

ment and draft a permanent constitution.

But as insurgents in Iraq have unleashed an escalated campaign of violence ahead of the Sunday elections in Iraq, for Iraqi expatriates this vote is as much a rejection of that violence as it is a message about their country's future.

"I am voting for security, stability and peace. I want to go back to my hometown, Basra, and die there," said Hameed Allwan, 68, who fled to Jordan 19 months ago to escape the violence.

Allwan voted at a Jordanian school, where Kurdish women garbed in their red, green and blue native dress waited alongside Arab men in traditional brown robes and white headresses to cast their ballots.

Security was tight at polling stations, which will be open through Sunday. When voting concludes, all the overseas counts will be sent to the Geneva-based International Organization for Migration's headquarters in Amman, Jordan, which will forward them to Baghdad. The results will be announced several days later.

According to the IOM, of the estimated 1.2 million eligible Iraqis living abroad, less than a quarter, or 280,303, registered to vote — a turnout squashed by logistics rather than apathy.

Despite their hopes for the country's future, Iraqis, long-ago



Iraqis dressed in traditional Kurdish outfits are checked by a security guard as they arrive at a polling station in Sydney, Australia, on Friday.

sobered by the reality of living under a dictatorial regime and the ensuing chaos that gripped the country once Saddam was toppled, were also cautious in their assessment of that future.

"I am not hopeful at all," said Fusun Atici, an ethnic Turk from Kirkuk who voted in Istanbul, Turkey on Friday. "I think this election will only bring ethnic clashes."

In Britain, an estimated

150,000 Iraqis were eligible to vote, but 30,961 registered. Expatriates also registered at centers in Sweden, the Netherlands, Germany, France and Denmark. In all, 117,000 Iraqis registered in seven European countries, including Turkey — a turnout many said was disappointing.

"It is a shame, for me it is very depressing," said Hashim Ali of the Iraqi Community Association, commenting on the low participation in Britain.

## Absentee turnout

A breakdown of the number of Iraqi expatriates who voted Friday:

**Australia:** 3,128 (27 percent of 11,806 registered expatriate Iraqis)

**Britain:** 5,366 (17 percent of 30,961)

**Canada:** 2,473 (23 percent of 10,957)

**Denmark:** 4,048 (31 percent of 12,983)

**France:** 183 (17 percent of 1,041)

**Germany:** 6,631 (25 percent of 26,416)

**Iran:** 20,786 (34 percent of 60,908)

**Jordan:** 9,721 (42 percent of 20,166)

**Netherlands:** 3,745 (25 percent of 14,723)

**Sweden:** 9,957 (32 percent of 31,045)

**Syria:** 5,655 (34 percent of 16,581)

**Turkey:** 939 (22 percent of 4,187)

**United Arab Emirates:** 6,154 (49 percent of 12,581)

**United States:** 5,643 (22 percent of 25,946)

**World:** 84,429 (30 percent of 280,303)

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AAFE'S THEATERS

# Iraqi election workers in the crosshairs

BY MARIAM FAM  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — When Karim Khodeir thinks of Sunday's historic elections, two images pop into his head. One is a bloodied portrait of car bombers ramming into lines of voters. The other is brighter, one of hopeful Iraqis freely casting ballots for the first time in decades.

It's that second image that keeps him going.

"We all have to sacrifice for our country," he said. "This is our chance to show the world that Iraqis care about their country."

On Sunday, Khodeir will be among about 200,000 election employees checking voter IDs, handing out ballots and later counting them. In the war of intimidation that has marred the election process, election workers have been on the front line, facing threats from insurgents and, in some cases, death.

"We're so used to receiving threats, they've become as common as smoking cigarettes," said Latifa al-Yahia, director of the electoral commission's office in eastern Diyala province.

He said some employees have received letters warning them to quit their jobs or be "slaughtered." Others have been told their children will be kidnapped.

Al-Yahia hasn't received any written warnings. But attackers have lobbed hand grenades at his

house and peppered it with machine-gun fire twice. The windows were shattered and the walls pockmarked. He escaped unhurt.

Al-Yahia said that in some areas of his religiously mixed province many people had been willing to work for the commission.

In others, mostly those dominated by Sunni Arabs, recruiting had been more difficult and workers had to be brought in from elsewhere.

The Sunni Arabs have been the least enthusiastic about the vote — an election expected to confirm their loss of power with the downfall of Saddam Hussein. Some will boycott it either out of fear of attacks from the mostly Sunni Arab insurgency or out of conviction that a vote held in the presence of foreign troops is illegitimate.

By contrast, Shiites and Kurds, eager to affirm their power in the new Iraq, are keen to make the process work.

The chief U.N. electoral official here, Carlos Valenzuela, has described intimidation of election workers as "high and very serious."

Commission spokesman Farid Ayar said 10 election workers have been killed so far.

Earlier this month, Brig. Gen. Carter Ham, the U.S. general responsible for security in northern Iraq, said that virtually every election worker in Nineveh province, which includes predominantly



An Iraqi election worker prepares ballot boxes Friday after their arrival at a warehouse in Hillia, south of Baghdad.

Arab Sunni Mosul, quit because of security fears. On Friday, commission member Adel al-Lami said all the employees had been replaced, but 90 percent had to be brought in from outside the province.

In ethnically mixed Kirkuk, several commission employees resigned about four days ago, but the vacancies had been filled, al-Lami said.

Even in heavily Shiite areas of south-central Iraq, a region far more stable than Mosul or Baghdad, several election workers were threatened and have resigned, a senior U.S. Embassy official has said.

Perhaps the most brazen of the assaults on election employees was a daylight attack in the heart of Baghdad last month, when three pistol-wielding gunmen dragged five election employees from a car and executed three of them. The two others escaped.

That attack left Noor Qais, a 24-year-old election employee in Baghdad, rethinking her job, albeit briefly.

"I stopped for a minute, but then I thought: The election is a goal. We have to continue this path to the end."

Despite the setbacks, election officials said they were sure there would be no shortage of workers on election day. For some, the work is seen as a national duty. But in a country plagued with unemployment, others say it's a way to put food on the table.

The commission pays \$200 for those willing to work the election and the few following days, a generous amount by Iraqi standards. Employees know the risks, and many try to play it safe.

"I had no relations with political parties or anything," al-Yahia said, "but since I joined the commission, I started having enemies."

## Skeptics: American presence hurts vote

BY JOHN LEICESTER  
The Associated Press

PARIS — Is an election held under foreign occupation, with voters braving car bombs and death threats, better than no election at all?

Even as expatriate Iraqis started voting Friday ahead of Sunday's big day, skeptics outside Iraq doubted that its first democratic election in half a century can be free and fair while U.S. troops stand guard.

Some fear the result will be disaster, not democracy germinating across the Middle East. Loud misgivings are heard both in Europe, where many countries opposed the U.S.-led invasion, and in the Middle East.

At Condoleezza Rice's swearing-in Friday as his new secretary of state, President Bush said: "The advent of democracy in Iraq will serve as a powerful example to reformers throughout the entire Middle East."

But Gaza City resident Hassan al-Najjar doesn't buy it.

"You can't have a free election under occupation. They simply don't mean anything," he said. "This election is being forced by the Americans so they can say to the world, 'Look, we've brought democracy to Iraq... it's all a sham.'"

Opinions in Europe are more nuanced but still riddled with doubt. For many here, the U.S.-led invasion started as a disaster built on faulty premises and has only succeeded in encouraging terrorists and sully the image of western democracies in the Muslim world.

"People are scared to go to the polls. Terrorists and followers of Saddam Hussein can only benefit from the volatile situation," said the MF Dnes newspaper in the Czech Republic.

In Britain, where anger over Prime Minister Tony Blair's support for the U.S.-led invasion remains high, the "Guardian" has focused as much on Iraq's insurgents as on Sunday's vote.

"Is the world safer now?" asked a front-page headline in The Independent above pictures of the shell of a car used in a suicide attack. Osama bin Laden, an American fan in flames and a reminder of the weapons of mass destruction which were never found.

On Paris' streets, a quick survey of seven passers-by turned up four firmly in favor of the vote — surprising, given France's distaste with the Iraq invasion.

"It's a very good thing," said Olivier Baudry, 47. "But at the same time, I don't think it's possible to expect democracy from one country to another like that."

## Abizaid: Iraqi people will bring their country together

BY MICHAEL GRACYK  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Millions of Iraqis will vote in the country's election Sunday despite the likelihood of bloodshed because they recognize the nation must move ahead and not return to tyranny, the commander of U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan said Friday.

Voters in Iraq's election are choosing the 275-member assembly that will draft the country's new constitution.

"They are no fools," Gen. John Abizaid said in an address to The Houston Forum. "They will bring their country together because they know they've got to move forward together."

Abizaid is head of the U.S. Central Command, responsible for forces in a 27-nation region stretching from the Horn of Africa to Afghanistan. He said coalition forces in Iraq are braced for suicide car bombs and extremists wearing suicide belts trying to get into polling places, particularly in Iraq's four Sunni provinces.

"It will be difficult and it will be bloody," he said. "But even there, large numbers of the Sunni community will come forward and participate and vote in the hope that the future will be better."

The success of the Iraqi election hinges largely on the participation of Iraq's Sunni Arabs, who make up about 20 percent of the country's 26 million people. Many remain loyal to Saddam Hussein and view Sunday's vote as illegitimate. Majority Shiites are expected to turn out in large numbers, as are the Kurds, who run their own autonomous region in the north.

Abizaid said Americans should be encouraged and Iraqis should be commended because every day Iraqis are fighting and dying for their country.



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# Training center creates illusion to help GIs

## Hohenfels center simulates events troops will face while deployed

BY BEN MURRAY

Stars and Stripes

HOHENFELS, Germany — Planners at the Combat Maneuver Training Center go to great lengths to create the elaborate illusion that soldiers on a U.S. base in Germany are actually performing patrols and searching villages in Kosovo.

Road signs direct members from the "Serbian border" to a town called Kamenica, where the village center is busy with what appear to be local residents, smoking, talking and going about their business. The town even has a mayor who didn't speak English, a local police force and a popular cafe.

Those are the kinds of details that are the specialty of the 7th Army Training Command, which sets up and operates the complex scenarios at Hohenfels designed to prepare soldiers for missions around the world.

Using a process that closely mirrors the making of a movie — including a script, principal actors, extras, props, sets and even camera crews — the 7th ATC constructs situations that are meant to seem random and unscripted. But when viewed from behind the scenes, the training exercises are revealed to be epic efforts in an up-to-the-minute planning, said Maj. Lance Headrick, a scenario planner for the 7th ATC.

The point, after all, is to drill soldiers in techniques and tactics specific to the upcoming mission, he said, which means they can't just be turned loose to duke it out with Hohenfels' resident opposi-



**A curious "citizen" in the fictional town of Kamenica at the Hohenfels Combat Maneuver Training Center in Germany peers into a Humvee on Thursday as soldiers work on a training exercise. The woman was pulled away from the vehicle by the nearby National Guardsmen of the 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized), but hung around long enough to create a distraction for soldiers, drawing shapes in the mud on the Humvee's windows.**

tion force, the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment — also known as OPFOR.

"It's got to be orchestrated or you'll have mayhem out there," said Capt. Charlie Pelham, another Hohenfels planner.

With that in mind, the Hohenfels planners create training situations detailed enough to specify what kind of information should be leaked to a platoon to lure it to an OPFOR sniper, what position the gunman should fire from if the bait is taken, and what the ratio of women to men on the street should be at the time.

Some missions are harder to simulate than others, planners said. For the unit currently in "the box," a brigade of California-based National Guardsmen from the 40th Infantry Division

(Mechanized), conditions of the German countryside are ideal — the 40th is headed for a rotation in Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

But for elements of the 1st Armored Division, scheduled to train in the snowy, wooded hills of Hohenfels in late February before deploying to Iraq, planners were quick to point out that they can only "replicate" situations soldiers will likely see downrange, not "duplicate" the conditions.

After writing up a complete scenario for a particular unit, the planners pass the reins of a training rotation to the exercise control group, a team whose job is "keeping the whole story line straight," by acting as a faux higher command for the soldiers in training, said Lt. Col. Chuck Mitchell, chief of operations for the exercise control.

## Civilian role players take pride in their unpredictable performances

One of the most beguiling obstacles for troops in "the box" at the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany, is the proliferation of their center's COBs, or civilians on the battlefield.

Hired by the hundred specifically for each training rotation at Hohenfels, COBs are part of the real-as-we-can-make-it landscape used to emulate one of the most unpredictable elements U.S. soldiers will encounter on a mission — everyday people.

Headed by a gruff civilian employee named Tim Good, referred to as The Godfather by some of his subordinates, the COBs play a variety of roles in the training scenarios, from helping as obstinate mayors of fictional towns to acting as interpreters or just drunken civilians.

Good, who has run the program for 11 years, said he goes to great pains to make the role-players appear as authentic as possible, making sure they dress and interact as civilians of the country in question would, and even that they attack soldiers with the right kinds of foreign weapons.

Last week, more than 300 COBs inhabited the

training center, said Good, who was to begin living full time in the box once the continuous training regime — known as the exercise, or "ex days" — started this weekend.

The population is specially chosen to include a large number of trained linguists — 80 interpreters, according to Good — to assist the troops in the fictional towns, but Good delighted more in showing off the troublemakers in the crowd.

At the training town of Kamenica, Good pointed out a COB simulator adding a twist to his performance by pretending to be blind, allowing him to wander too close to a pair of Humvees, where a curious woman took advantage of the distracted troops and got inside one of the vehicles to warm up for a few minutes.

"Pregnant" women, men with heart conditions, confused civilians yelling in foreign languages — today's COBs are a vast improvement over the original role players Good used to employ, who were just borrowed American soldiers wearing their own clothes, he said.

— Ben Murray



**An irate "citizen" in the fictional village of Gjilane challenges a Guardsman on Thursday during a mock riot at Hohenfels.**

plode, and the control team will have to put it back on course through information leaked through role-players on the battlefield or new orders to the men in the box.

But even if the original story does start to break down, the team can adapt the scenario to make sure a unit still gets all the training it needs before deploying, Mitchell said.

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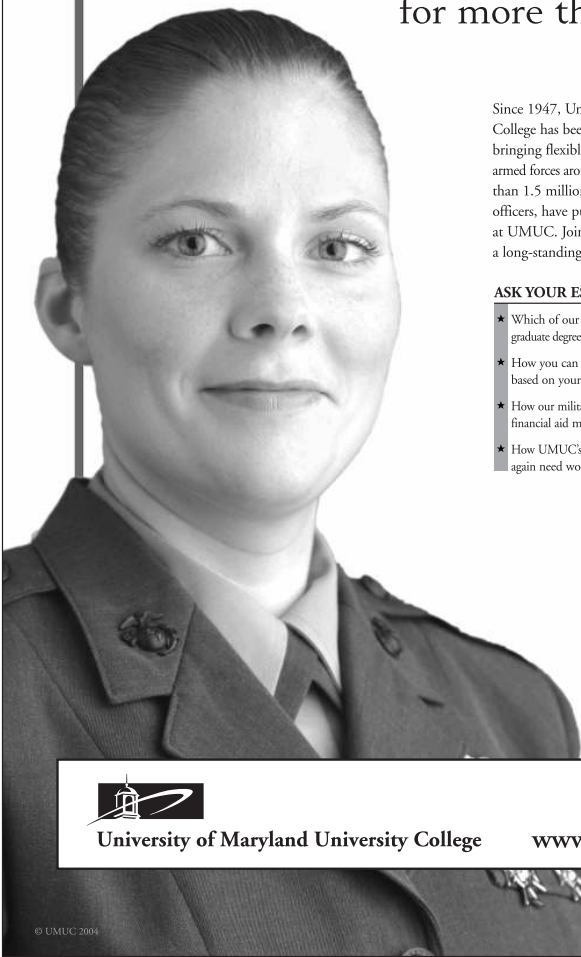
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# Nonprofit organization dedicates 1st memorial

BY LEO SHANE III  
Stars and Stripes

Lest They Be Forgotten, an organization dedicated to building a memorial for every soldier killed in Iraq, on Friday dedicated its first monument, in honor of an Alabamian soldier killed alongside the son of the group's founder.

The ceremony for Sgt. Jason Jordan, who was killed in an ambush outside Tall Afar in July 2003, took place in the city of Elba's Veterans Memorial Park and attracted several hundred mourners, including members of Jordan's 101st Airborne unit from Kentucky.

The display — a helmet on a rifle accompanied by a plaque with Jordan's name — was designed and paid for by the nonprofit group, founded by Florida resident Gregg Garvey, whose son Justin was killed fighting alongside Jordan when the ambush took place.

Garvey said he felt the funeral and memorial services paid for his son, although moving, were not enough to honor his son's sacrifice.

So the former construction worker designed a memorial and founded Lest They Be Forgotten, and decided that Jordan's memorial would be the first dedicated.

"It was a promise I made to my son [after his death], that the first one would be dedicated to Jason," he said. "I collected some dirt from the grave sites [of several unit soldiers] and mixed it in with the concrete so they're all there together. They're all brothers."

Garvey, who worked full-time on the effort for most of the past year, and other group members have raised enough to pay for about 30 of the \$7,500 monuments, and are working to expand fund-raising even further.

They have also designed a flag bearing the words "Lest they be forgotten" to raise money and commemorate fallen troops.

"I'm determined that the flag



DAVID CANTOR/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Danny and Sandra Jordan observe the moment of silence at the "Lest They Be Forgotten" ceremony Friday at Veterans Memorial Park in Elba, Ala., for their son, Sgt. Jason Jordan, who was killed in Iraq in 2003. It was the first of many ceremonies planned by Lest They Be Forgotten.

will become as recognizable to this generation as the POW-MIA flag was to my generation," Garvey said, noting that several veterans organizations have already begun using the symbol.

Plans are in place to dedicate Justin Garvey's memorial this May in Vermont, where he grew up.

For more information, go to: [www.lesttheybeforgotten.org](http://www.lesttheybeforgotten.org)  
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## Services to remember 7 soldiers from 1st ID

Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany — Seven 1st Infantry Division troops who have died this month will be remembered at their home bases in Germany in three services this week.

Five Vilsack-based soldiers will be honored at 1 p.m. Monday in the Rose Barracks chapel. All died Jan. 24 when their Bradley fighting vehicle rolled over into a canal during a sandstorm near Kambrai-Saad, Iraq, northeast of Baghdad.

As of Saturday, the Department of Defense had not released their names or units. However local media in the States have

identified two of them, Viktor Yolkov and Sgt. Javier Marin.

Two more services are scheduled Wednesday. The first, for Sgt. William Kinzer, 27, of the 1st Battalion, 4th Cavalry Regiment, will be at 11 a.m. at the Ledward Barracks chapel in Schweinfurt. Kinzer was killed Jan. 26, when a rocket-propelled grenade hit his vehicle in Ad Dululiyah, just east of Samarra.

The second, for Staff Sgt. Terrence Balkisson, 25, of the division's headquarters company, is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Leighton Barracks chapel in Würzburg. Balkisson was shot dead in New York on Jan. 9 while home from Iraq on leave.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, at least 1,423 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,087 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is 12 higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday.

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 20; Poland, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,285 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 978 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

- Three soldiers were killed Friday when an explosive hit their patrol in western Baghdad.

- A soldier was killed Friday by an explosive in southern Baghdad.

- A soldier was killed Friday by small arms fire in northern Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the Defense Department:

- Marine Cpl. Jonathan S. Beatty, 22, Ottawa, Ill.; died Thurs-

day from hostile action in Babil province, Iraq; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

- Army Pfc. Kevin M. Luna, 26, Oxnard, Calif.; died Thursday in Muqdadiyah, Iraq, from non-combat injuries; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Vilsack, Germany.

- Army Spc. Taylor J. Burk, 21, Amarillo, Texas; died Wednesday in Baghdad, from an explosive; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Killed Wednesday in a helicopter crash near Rutbah, Iraq; assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base, Hawaii:

- Marine Staff Sgt. Brian D. Bland, 26, Weston, Wyo.

- Marine Sgt. Michael W. Finke Jr., 28, Huron, Ohio

- Marine 1st Lt. Travis J. Fuller, 26, Granville, Mass.

- Marine Cpl. Timothy M. Gibson, 23, Merrimack, N.H.

- Marine Cpl. Richard A. Gilbert Jr., 26, Montgomery, Ohio

- Marine Cpl. Kyle J. Grimes, 21, Northampton, Pa.

- Marine Cpl. Stephen P. Johnson, 24, Covina, Calif.

- Marine Lance Cpl. Fred L. Maciel, 20, Spring, Texas

- Marine Cpl. Nathaniel K. Moore, 22, Champaign, Ill.

- Marine Lance Cpl. Gael Saintriv, 24, Orange, Fla.

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# Deployed unit returns to Spangdahlem

## 332nd Expeditionary Air Control Squadron receives warm welcome

BY RUSS RIZZO

Stars and Stripes

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany — Under the fluorescent glow of lights in Air Force Hangar 3 Friday night, children chanted "daddy, daddy" as adults waited nervously behind them.

Two men in blue jeans clutched bouquets of flowers. A girl held a neon green sign that read "McGinnis girls" with an arrow pointed to her and her sister. And Katie Brock stood waiting for her husband in a customized pink T-shirt that read, "I Love Kyle."

Then with the piercing sound of a horn, about 150 men and women of the 666th Air Control Squadron filed in, marking the end of their deployment to Iraq and the official start to making up lost time.

"It's the greatest feeling I ever, ever, ever, ever, ever," Senior Airman Sarah Charles said as she embraced her husband, Jean-Max, and her 2-year-old daughter, Ariel.



Russ Rizzo/Stars and Stripes

Senior Airman Sarah Charles hugs her 2-year-old daughter, Ariel, and her husband, Jean-Max Charles, at Spangdahlem, Germany, Friday night.

The men and women of the 666th Air Control Squadron — called the 332nd Expeditionary Air Control Squadron downrange — were essentially the eyes and ears of the skies for U.S. operations in Iraq.

If soldiers were bogged down in the Sunni Triangle and needed air support, it was their job to provide the coordinates to pilots to make that happen. And if a fighter jet needed fuel, it was their job to get a tanker to them.

Most of the air control operations took place at Balad Air Base inside high-tech trailers called operations modules. That's where Staff Sgt. Rickie Walkes and others monitored the skies on screens in front of them and communicated by radio and a secure chat room to troops throughout the country.

For Walkes, the U.S. operation in Fallujah last fall was as tense as it got. Marines under attack on the ground 80 miles away relied on the men and women in these high-tech trailers to clear the skies and send in fighter jets to deliver firepower.

In a typical scenario, an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle occupied the air space above Marines in trouble. So Walkes and his crew would identify the aircraft, direct the controllers to move it out and give the go-ahead for fighter pilots, providing them with coordinates they used to fire on the enemy.

It all happened in the matter of minutes. And it happened often: about 14 times a day during the Fallujah campaign, Walkes said. "We were bombing stuff left and right and taking no names," Walkes said.

In four months, the squadron was attacked more than 100 times, said squadron commander Lt. Col. Scott Fischer. One member of the squadron, Tech Sgt. David Hodgen, was wounded when a mortar shell landed about 20 feet from where he was riding an all-terrain vehicle in Balad, Fischer said.

Asked what was most surprising about her experience in Iraq, Charles, a surveillance technician, said: "All of us made it."

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# Multimillion dollar gym to open in Bamberg

BY RICK EMERT

Stars and Stripes

BAMBERG, Germany — Warner Barracks' new \$17.6 million gym opens Monday after nearly two years of construction.

The Freedom Fitness Facility, which replaces the post's 52-year-old JFK Gym, boasts some of the latest in exercise equipment. It has spin machines, elliptical machines and high-tech exercise bikes — as well as more than two dozen treadmills. It has separate weightlifting areas for Nautilus machines and free weights.

The basketball court is nearly twice the size of the court in the JFK Gym, and there is an indoor running track on the second floor. The gym also has a cappuccino and juice bar in the lobby and a lounge on the second floor to serve as a rest area or meeting place for workout buddies.

"The overall quality of this facility is much better (than the JFK Gym)," said Lt. Col. Daniel Tho-

mas, 279th Base Support Battalion commander. "The equipment is all new and there is more of it."

But, the larger facility also will take more effort to staff and maintain, Thomas said.

"People from the community have said they are impressed and thrilled with the new facility," he said. "But we all recognize that it's going to be a challenge, since it's not what we're used to. It is important that everybody who uses the new gym and the new equipment strives to keep it nice."

Units have promised to provide soldiers to help staff the gym, which is expected to draw more people since the abundance of equipment will eliminate waiting lines on things like treadmills, Thomas said.

The BSB held tours of the new gym throughout the week, including ones for commanders and first sergeants, civilian employees, the local national work force and a community tour on Thursday that

had more than 50 people "oozing" and "aahing" over the facility's modern design and new equipment.

"I think it's wonderful. It's the best gym I've seen on a military installation," said Sandi Cox, a family member from 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery Regiment who attended the community tour.

"They did a really good job on it. I think it will motivate me to get back into the gym and start exercising."

A variety of events will mark the opening week of the gym, including:

■ Monday: a bench press competition at 5:30 p.m.

■ Tuesday: Dodge ball tournament, team meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

■ Wednesday: 5K run, registration from 5-6:30 a.m.

■ Thursday: Cardio Challenge from noon to 6 p.m.

■ Friday: German/American Basketball Extravaganza begin-



Rick Emert/Stars and Stripes

A pre-opening tour gives an upper-level view of the Freedom Fitness Facility basketball court, which is more than twice the size of the court in the community's old JFK gym.

ning at 3 p.m.

Work on the facility began in March 2003 and was expected to be completed in August, but was delayed due to other construction

projects in the area, according to David Thompson, director of Public Works for the 279th BSB.

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# Darmstadt kicks off 'Taxapalooza' season

During grand opening of center, Americans able to get their taxes prepared for free

By JESSICA INIGO  
Stars and Stripes

DARMSTADT, Germany — When Jane's Addiction front man Perry Farrell introduced most of the world to the word "lollapalooza" — a slang term meaning "something or someone striking or unusual" — he probably never thought it would evolve into tax returns.

But when the Darmstadt Tax Center held its grand opening Saturday, it dubbed the event a "taxapalooza." And while it wasn't very odd, it was fun.

"This is just like a concert. I'm having fun meeting people, giving out money. It's like a parade," joked Sgt. Michael Helmen, a tax adviser at the grand opening event as he prepared Pfc. Sandra McKee's 2004 tax return.

McKee wasn't as excited about the "taxapalooza" atmosphere, but she did like filing her taxes for free.

"I would never use another agency to file my taxes, unless I was rich," said McKee, who is with the 596th Maintenance Company. "It goes pretty quickly and I'm satisfied with their service."

Darmstadt is one of the first centers at overseas military installations to begin the tax season, which runs through June. Overseas military tax centers run past the April 15 deadline because there is an automatic extension for Americans living overseas to file their returns, according to tax center officials.



JESSICA INIGO/Stars and Stripes

Sgt. Michael Helmen, a volunteer tax filer at the Darmstadt, Germany, legal center, prepares Pfc. Sandra McKee's taxes during the "taxapalooza" grand opening of the Darmstadt tax center. McKee said she loves getting her taxes done for free and it's a good service.

Tax specialists are civilian and military members paid or loaned to the tax center to assist troops, family members and most civilians working overseas to get their returns filed easily and quickly.

The servicemembers preparing the tax returns come from different units outside of the legal center and receive a week's

training in the Military Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

"They get trained up and will be working at the tax center until June 30. They're trained to handle many different types of returns," said Capt. Scott Z. Hughes, a tax adviser in Darmstadt.

Cordelia Johnson, the International Af-

fairs Liaison adviser for the Darmstadt Legal Center, said people should wait until they have all necessary paperwork before trying to file.

This includes: last year's income tax return; Social Security card; W-2 forms; foreign income paperwork for spouses who work on the economy; any 1099 forms; mortgage interest statement; power of attorney; and any other documents received that have a note saying it is for tax purposes.

"People sometimes make the mistake of filing before they have all the necessary forms, which causes them to have to amend their return later," Johnson said. "An example is a college loan paid for by the Army for which a W-2 is issued."

"In cases with foreign spouses or outside income, just come in and see a tax adviser. They will let you know exactly what you need before filing."

Johnson said those with more complicated cases should make an appointment first.

Hughes also recommended telling preparers about college attendance and asking about the Earned Income Credit, which could mean higher refunds.

Darmstadt's tax center, like many other military installation centers, will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday from, with some variations on Thursdays for sergeant's time training. In Darmstadt's case, this means doors stay open an hour longer.

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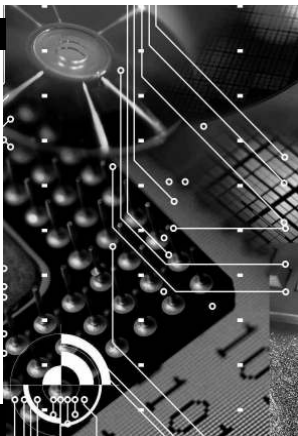
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# Report calls for independence for Kosovo

## Nations urged to take steps to prevent turmoil in region

BY WARD SANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

A week before representatives of six nations hold an important meeting on the future of Kosovo, a prominent think tank called on the countries to push for independence or face the possibility of a new war.

Under its current status as an international protectorate, Kosovo has substantial autonomy from Belgrade but is still considered part of Serbia. The 37-page report by the International Crisis Group asks the convening countries to announce a schedule for independence by 2006.

"Time is running out for Kosovo," the summary begins.

"The status quo will not hold.... The Albanian majority expects the international community to begin delivering this year on its independence aspirations. Without such moves it may act unilaterally. In such circumstances, given the dismal record of Kosovo Albanians with regard to minorities,

Kosovo's Serbs may call upon Serbia's armed forces to protect them, and the region could be plunged into new turmoil."

The six countries of the Contact Group meeting on Wednesday are the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy and the Russian Federation. The report by the Brussels-based think tank was circulated to the media by the U.S. State Department's headquarters in Pristina, Kosovo, but was not officially endorsed by the Americans.

"We've collectively agreed that we wouldn't have a reaction to it before the Contact Group meeting next week," said Larry Corwin, spokesman for the State Department's office in Pristina.

The report backs programs to protect the Serb minority while recognizing the 90-percent ethnic Albanian country's thirst for sovereignty. It suggests a constitution should be drafted by mid-autumn and autonomy declared by mid-2006.



TOMAS ROFFMAN/U.S. Army

**A soldier from Troop C of the 2nd Squadron, 107th Cavalry Regiment climbs a ladder to inspect a barn for contraband during this month's Operation Toulouse Noose in Kosovo. Troops with the 2-107th are currently serving as peacekeepers in Kosovo.**

Some sort of international monitoring mission, however, would remain in place. Potential obstacles listed in the report are Serbia's and Russia's opposition to independence, and how both could keep the United Nations Security Council from approving the plan.

Whatever the case, the report opposes Kosovo joining its ethnic neighbors to create a Greater Albania.

In March, rioting against Serbs

in Kosovo, killing 19 people and injuring 900.

Troops serving there today find the province peaceful — for now.

"The environment we're describing is calm but fragile," said Army Maj. Eric Larson, spokesman for U.S. forces in Kosovo.

He said soldiers guard places of "historic instability," including some Serb enclaves and what he called patriarchal sites, such as churches.

"There's still greater ethnic tension than there was prior to the March events, but there is still less going on than there was," he said.

"The pursuit now is to do that transition to civil authority, and for all the people to work through their issues. But yes, there is still ethnic tension."

There are 1,800 American troops in Kosovo. That's down significantly from 2001, when there were more than 7,000.

When asked what impact an independent Kosovo would have on U.S. operations, Larson paused.

"That's a very politically loaded question here," he said.

He believes "peacekeeping would continue. 'Whatever the final status is, it does not change our mission,'" he said.

Despite March violence and the report's recent alarm, Larson sounded optimistic. Serbs still upset over the NATO bombing campaign nonetheless rely on Kosovo Force peacekeepers to guard them. And the ethnic Albanian majority still views them as liberators.

"This is a rewarding mission for the soldiers," Larson said. "The people of Kosovo genuinely appreciate us being here."

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### Naples teen sweeps contest

NAPLES, Italy — Sara McDonald, a Naples High School eighth-grader, cleaned up locally in the annual Parent Teacher Student Association National Reflections Competition at the high school level, taking first in the four categories of art, photography, music and literature — for the second year in a row.

For this year's Reflections theme, "A Different Kind of Hero," Sara chose to write for the literature portion about her elderly and diabetic grandfather, who takes care of his ailing wife as well as himself.

For photography, she photographed a working police dog next to its handler.

For the art category, she submitted a drawing of her grandparents, and for

music, a composition written for the French horn and piano, both of which she plays.

Talent must run in the family, as her younger siblings won first-place recognitions in the elementary-aged competition.

Annie McDonald, 10, won for music and art, and Jack McDonald, 5, won for photography and literature, mother Beth McDonald said.

The winning submissions now will compete against winners throughout Europe.

From staff reports



McDonald

## Lockheed wins Marine One bid in controversial decision

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The green-and-white presidential helicopter emblazoned with the Stars and Stripes seen lifting off from the White House lawn is an American icon.

But in 2009, when the next president climbs the steps of Marine One and gives that familiar wave, it will be from an aircraft based on a British-Italian design and built with European partners.

On Friday, the Navy announced that a trans-Atlantic team headed by Lockheed Martin will build the new fleet of presidential helicopters, ending a fierce competition

that had both political and international implications.

The \$61 billion program to buy 23 high-tech, high-security aircraft is emblematic of the outsourcing of American jobs and the question of how open the U.S. military market is to foreign contractors. And some members of Congress criticized the decision to put the U.S. president in an aircraft that will be made partially overseas.

"It is difficult to understand why we would use U.S. tax dollars to fund the further development of foreign helicopter technology," said House Armed Services Chairman Duncan Hunter, R-Calif.

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### Cookie time again

Josephine Rodgers, 8, of Browne Troop 43, prepares to sell Girl Scout cookies Saturday at RAF Feltwell, England. The annual sales are in process on U.S. bases across Europe. Money raised by the sales goes to the local Girl Scout Council to fund scout activities. According to the Girl Scout Web site, the best-selling cookie is Thin Mints, which accounts for 25 percent of all sales.

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Stars and Stripes



## IN THE WORLD

# Tsunami meeting sets groundwork for alert system

## U.S. military declares Feb. 15 as deadline for Sri Lanka exit

BY JOSEPH COLEMAN

The Associated Press

PHUKET, Thailand — Tsunami-ravaged nations at a conference in Thailand failed to resolve differences over which one should host a disaster warning center Saturday, and instead decided to set up smaller facilities in several countries to help prevent future catastrophes.

The two-day meeting at the ravaged resort island of Phuket focused on the creation of a tsunami warning system for the Indian Ocean, which experts say would have saved many of the 145,000 to 178,000 lives lost across 11 countries on Dec. 26.

In Sri Lanka, where more than 30,000 died, the U.S. military said it would withdraw all troops involved in tsunami relief there by Feb. 15, after earlier announcing a gradual pullout from Indonesia, where the death toll is more than 98,000.

In worst-hit northern Sumatra, survivors were jolted by the latest of dozens of moderate aftershocks since the massive earthquake that caused the tsunami. No damage or injuries were reported.

On the damage resort island of Phuket, delegates struggled over where to base a center that would

collect seismic and oceanographical data from nations on the Indian Ocean's rim, analyze it and issue alerts to coastal areas in danger.

Thailand pushed hard to make a Bangkok-based disaster prevention center the hub, but faced opposition from India and Indonesia.

In the end, delegates eager to maintain broad support for the warning system and distribute responsibilities chose a decentralized network. Some officials argued that such a set-up would make better use of the capabilities in the region.

"It would not be entirely effective to have a single center do so many things," said Margareta Wahlstrom, special envoy of U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. She added that there are "a number of institutions" around the Indian Ocean that could serve as smaller regional centers.

The two-day meeting that ended Saturday gathered delegates from 57 countries and agencies to hash out how to create a network that would quickly warn nations of coming tsunami so coastal areas could evacuate.

A tsunami-warning system has operated for decades in the Pacific Ocean, where a center in Hawaii issues alerts to 26 nations. An Indian Ocean warning system



Actress Sharon Stone, center, stands up to pledge \$10,000 for the fight against malaria Friday during the plenary "Funding the War on Poverty" at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

## Stone's impromptu fund-raiser nets \$1M

The Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland — Sharon Stone raised \$1 million in five minutes Friday for mosquito nets in Tanzania, turning a panel on African poverty into an impromptu fund-raiser.

About an hour into the panel, when a U.N. official said 150,000 African children were dying of malaria every month because they didn't have bed nets, Stone suddenly rose from her seat in the audience.

"I'd like to offer \$10,000 to help you buy some bed nets today," Stone told Tanzanian President Benjamin William Mkapa, who was on the panel along with Microsoft founder Bill Gates and others.

Stone then implored others in the hall — packed with several hundred well-heeled executives and political leaders attending the World Economic Forum — to reach into their pockets.

Immediately an unidentified man promised \$50,000. Around 30 others quickly followed, and within five minutes, Stone had raised \$1 million, said Sen. Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) the Senate leader who moderated the panel discussion on how rich nations can best fund the war on poverty.

"How many bed nets will a million dollars buy?" he asked the crowd, which erupted into applause. The money will go to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

is expected to be in place within 18 months.

The broad plan has been to help individual nations build up their tsunami- and earthquake-detection equipment and communication networks.

Experts say effective coordination of an early warning system is one of the biggest challenges to preventing future disasters. Delegates agreed the United Nations should take the lead in developing the network. The United States, Germany and Japan have offered to help with advanced tsunami-detection technologies.

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## EU looks to settle refugee issue

The Associated Press

LUXEMBOURG — European Union countries were reluctant Saturday to agree to calls from the United Nations to accept more refugees for permanent resettlement, arguing money would be better spent on helping them to return home.

U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Ruud Lubbers urged EU justice and interior ministers meeting here to draft a joint resettlement policy for refugees that would stipulate for relocating the refugees evenly across the EU.

"Although refugee numbers worldwide are going down, there are still too many long-lasting refugee situations," Lubbers told the ministers.

He said a joint resettlement program would offer a solution for those "who can neither return home or settle permanently in their first country of refuge."

Lubbers said the 25-nation EU should follow the lead of immigrant countries like the United States,

Canada and New Zealand, which together offered to take in 100,000 refugees for resettlement last year.

Only six EU countries currently have resettlement programs, including Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, Britain, Finland and the Netherlands.

Immigration and asylum is a politically sensitive and touchy issue in the EU, and getting agreement on a joint resettlement policy — which could include setting quotas — will be tough.

The EU ministers agreed last year to set up a common asylum and immigration policy by 2010.

Many EU countries also fear that accepting more refugees will pose integration problems.

The EU governments have already agreed to improve the integration of immigrants in the wake of ethnic tensions in several EU nations.

Tensions with immigrant communities recently came to a head in the Netherlands, where Theo van Gogh, a Dutch filmmaker whose last movie was critical of Islam, was slain on Nov. 2.

### Constitution, you say?

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Nine out of 10 European Union citizens know little or nothing about the Constitution that's expected to become the corner-

stone of their political life, according to a EU study released Friday.

Even though the blueprint has been approved by the European Parliament, only 11 percent of citizens feel "they global-

ly know the content of the constitution," 56 percent say they know "little" on the subject and 33 percent declare they have never heard of it, according to the Eurobarometer study.

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# U.S. students visit Cuba

The Associated Press

HAVANA — When Veronica Sanchez's parents found out she was going to Cuba for 10 weeks, they "freaked out" and worried she would become a communist, the 19-year-old Mexican-American student said.

"My dad really has it in his head that I'm never going to go back home," she said. "He thinks I'm going to love it here."

Worried parents, steep prices and a stricter U.S. travel ban were among the obstacles Sanchez and nine other University of California, Davis, students had to overcome to become one of the first groups of Americans to travel to Cuba under new, restrictive U.S. regulations.

The rules, implemented last summer by the administration of U.S. President Bush, require all

study trips to last at least 10 weeks — purportedly to cut down on tourism under academic pretenses and to make sure students experience more than just white-sand beaches and salsa concerts.

But critics say the purpose of the changes is to make it harder for Americans to get to Cuba, and that the vast majority of academic groups that traveled there focused on seeing Fidel Castro's socialist system firsthand — not on visiting the island's beaches.

The UC Davis students, who arrived Jan. 2, each had to pay \$10,000. The students said the longer time-period allows them to see past the Cuban government propaganda and get a true sense of life on the island.

Cuban-Americans were a vital electoral bloc courted by Bush in this year's campaign for Florida.

The students will study topics including race and gender issues, the Cuban political structure, housing, music, baseball and community health. Original recommendations in a report issued last year by the U.S. Commission for Assistance to a Free Cuba complained that most trips by American students are heavily controlled by Cuban state security officials and allow only limited interaction with average Cubans.

Alicia Henry, an African-American Studies major, said she feels 10 weeks in Cuba may not be enough.

"Every day you learn something new, and you think you grasp a concept or an idea or an aspect of Cuban culture and then you run into someone else on the street and you just get another perspective," the 21-year-old said. "Every day, everything is changing here."



Two winegrowers from Sainte-Cecile-Les-Vignes, southern France, carry a fake coffin reading "Here lies the last winegrower" in Avignon, France, in this Dec. 8 photo. Stuck with hundreds of millions of bottles they can't sell in a toughening global market, French vintners want to distill some of France's wine lake into industrial-use alcohol.

## French vintners fight to distill extra wine

The Associated Press

PARIS — It would not quite be pouring good wine down the drain, but close.

Stuck with hundreds of millions of bottles they can't sell in a toughening global market, French vintners want to distill some of France's wine lake into industrial-use alcohol, which could include use as fuel in cars.

It wouldn't just be plunk: four-fifths of the 66 million gallon wine makers hope to recycle is considered good stuff.

Such destruction would be unprecedented for "appellation" wines that carry France's AOC seal of origin and quality. Although nearly 71.3 million gallons were distilled into alcohol in 2002, that was second-rate table wine. This time, 267 million bottles of AOC wines would be boiled

down in stills if vintners get their way.

"Generally, distillation is for the worst products," said Robert Beynat, chief executive of the Vinexpo international wine fair.

That vintners are clamoring to destroy stocks of wine that would nicely accompany a meal underscores their difficulties. The average Frenchman still downs 13.2 gallons of wine a year — but that is half as much as in 1961. A study for Vinexpo published Thursday predicted that the United States will overtake France as the leading overall wine consumer by 2008 — although the French would still lead on a per capita basis.

Pressured by Californian Chardonnays and other vintages from the new world, French wine exports fell by 6 percent in volume and 6.1 percent in value in the first 11 months of 2004.

## Iran, Afghan ties

DO GHARUN, Iran — Iran's president said Thursday that stability in U.S.-backed Afghanistan was linked to the situation in his own country, drawing a parallel between the fates of the two neighbors despite their contrasting relations with the United States.

Mohammad Khatami and Afghan President Hamid Karzai stressed their shared interests at a ceremony on Iran's eastern frontier after inaugurating a revamped road and power line from Iran to the western Afghan city of Herat.

Iran is a vital partner for Afghanistan as it emerges from more than 20 years of fighting.

## Free marijuana seeds

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — A Dutch magazine was including an unusual freebie with its latest issue — two marijuana seeds in a small plastic bag.

Nieuwe Revu Editor-in-Chief Mark Koster said the move was a publicity stunt accompanying the Jan. 26 issue, which advocates legalizing marijuana and other banned substances.

## Quake rattles Spain

MADRID, Spain — An earthquake measuring 4.6 on the Richter scale shook southern Spain on Saturday, causing minor damage but no injuries, officials said.

The quake's epicenter was near the village of Bullas in Murcia province and the tremor was felt in a total of six provinces, the National Geographic Institute said.

In Bullas, the quake lasted 6 to 8 seconds and left a crack in the facade of a building, police chief Francisco Espin said.

## Mobster found dead

ROME — A reputed top aide to Italy's No. 1 fugitive Mafia boss was found dead hanging from a noose in his prison cell Friday, three days after he was rounded up in a police sweep, Italian news reports said.

Francesco Pastola's death appeared to be a suicide, Italian news agency ANSA said. Officials at Modena prison would only say that an investigation into Pastola's death was under way.

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Customs inspectors at Charles de Gaulle airport intercepted an illegal shipment of more than 800 man-made artifacts, some dating to a million years ago. The objects were found Jan. 6, but authorities didn't announce the seizures right away so experts could study the artifacts.

## Looted artifacts seized in Paris

The Associated Press

PARIS — Customs inspectors at Paris' biggest airport have intercepted an illegal shipment of more than 800 man-made artifacts — some dating to a million years ago — that originated in the Sahara and Sahel areas of western Africa, officials said Saturday.

Inspectors at Charles de Gaulle airport on Jan. 6 seized a shipping container carrying carved stones, dinosaur fossils, terra cotta pottery, figurines and other relics, which amounted to "a true archaeological treasure," the finance ministry said in a statement.

Some of the 845 pieces may have been unearthed from several sites during sand storms in the Sahara and Sahel areas of Niger and Burkina Faso, the ministry said. Some of the stones had been carved as far back as 200,000-1 million years ago.

The shipment, labeled "artisanal products" and weighing more than 1,100 pounds, had arrived from Niamey, Niger en route to Belgium, the ministry said.

Budget Minister Jean-Francois Cope, speaking as the artifacts were shown to reporters Saturday, called the pieces "the heritage of humanity." He said France wants to return them to their countries of origin.

Authorities did not announce the seizure immediately so that experts could pore over the artifacts, customs spokeswoman Corinne Cleostre said. An investigation was under way, but no arrests have been made.

The ministry said the pottery and figurines — believed to be used in funeral rites — were on the International Council for Museums' list of looted artifacts that are forbidden for export or sale.

Cleostre said the value of was in the millions of dollars, but would be difficult to precisely determine.

## EU confirms first case of mad cow in goat

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union on Friday announced the first case of the brain-wasting BSE disease in a goat but said the risk to consumers was minimal.

The European Food Safety Authority said that a goat slaughtered in France in 2002 was infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy, the brain wasting disease known as mad cow.

The EU Commission wants to test 200,000 goats in the 25 EU member states over the next six months. The testing program would concentrate on countries where cases of BSE have been reported in cattle in the past, including Britain.

The human equivalent of BSE, the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, has claimed 148 lives in Britain so far.

From The Associated Press

## Slam on tall, tan, young, lovely image has Brazilians in uproar

BY PETER MUELLO  
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — A recent government report that Brazilians were gaining weight barely raised eyebrows. Newspaper readers shrugged and turned the page.

But when The New York Times implied that the girl from Ipanema was getting fat, it triggered a firestorm of protest, investigations of the overweight beachgoers photographed by the newspaper and hurt feelings over an offense to Brazil's celebrated self-image.

The local press had a field day with the story — especially when it discovered that the chubby women photographed in swimsuits on fashionable Ipanema Beach were not Brazilian, but European tourists.

Rio's largest newspaper, O Globo, which has covered the controversy closely since the Times story ran on Jan. 13, quoted Times ombudsman Daniel

Okrent on Friday as saying in an interview that publishing the photo "was a mistake and an embarrassment to the paper."

"New York Times admits it was wrong," a Globo headline trumpeted over a full-page story.

The Times said on its Web site that it regretted "that the nationalities of the women in the photo were not verified."

Adding to the furor was the polemic status of Times reporter Larry Rohter. President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva ordered his visa canceled last year after Rohter wrote a story suggesting that Silva had a drinking problem that had become a matter of national concern.

Silva later relented, and Rohter was allowed to stay.

But the latest point of contention reflects how sensitive Brazilians are about what many consider their best qualities, including the beauty of their land and its people. The image of the tall, tanned beauty was immortalized

in the 1960s bossa nova hit composed in Rio, "The Girl from Ipanema."

Brazilians might criticize their country, but if a non-Brazilian does so, they leap to defend their culture.

"We are hypersensitive to what foreigners think of us," said Roberto da Matta, a sociologist at Rio's Pontifical Catholic University. "It's an inferiority complex. We've always had one."

The sensitivity is greater with "countries that are examples for Brazil, points of reference, especially the United States, England and France," he said.

The government also keeps a close eye on the foreign press for negative reports about Brazil. While reporters have open season on Silva, poverty and social issues, Ipanema is out of bounds, Matta said.

"This is an important industry: tourism, the beaches immortalized in music the world over," he said. "Speaking badly of Ipanema, which every tourist wants to see. It touches a nerve."

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## IN THE STATES

## Freezing rain and sleet ties up Southeast



Grandfather Mountain, near Linville, N.C., is shown coated with a light trace of snow and a thick coat of ice, while Mount Mitchell appears above the clouds in the distance. Atlanta also was hit hard with ice.

BY ELIOTT C. MCLAUGHLIN

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Freezing rain and sleet spread sheets of ice across parts of the Southeast on Saturday, shutting down sections of every interstate highway in the metro Atlanta area and canceling hundreds of airline flights.

Two traffic deaths appeared to be linked to the slippery pavement, said Trooper First Class Larry Schnall of the Georgia State Patrol.

Ice was a quarter-inch thick on downtown Atlanta streets as a storm system spread snow, freezing rain and sleet from the Midwest into Georgia and the Carolinas.

South Carolina police warned of ice forming on bridges and North Carolina's Highway Patrol reported numerous accidents.

Throughout the Atlanta metropolitan area, wrecks led police to shut down sections of Interstates 85, 20, 75 and 285 and some other highways during the morning, said state Department of Transportation spokeswoman Karlene Barron.

Most had been reopened by midday, officials said.

At Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, only one runway was open at midday and "very few flights are coming or

going," said airport spokeswoman Felicia Browder.

"I don't have an official number of cancellations, but I can say with confidence a significant number have been canceled," Browder said.

AirTran alone canceled 90 flights for the day, said spokesman Tad Hutcheson.

Delta could not provide a number of canceled flights until the end of the day, but had cut its scheduled systemwide by about 40 percent in anticipation of the storm, said spokesman Anthony Black.

Browder said most travelers were aware of the approaching inclement weather, so few people are stranded at the airport.

In South Carolina, Delta, Northwest Airlines, U.S. Airways, and others canceled flights from Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport and from Columbia Metropolitan Airport.

All of northern Georgia was under a winter storm warning and as much as a half-inch of ice was possible from Athens to Gainesville, the National Weather Service said.

The ice also accumulated on power lines and tree limbs, and more than 52,000 homes and businesses were blacked out around Georgia, according to Georgia Power and the Georgia Electric Membership Corp.

## He's crazy for you, but not everyone is flattered

The Associated Press

SHELBURNE, Vt. — A straight-jacketed "Crazy for You" teddy bear has drawn rebukes from the governor, mental health advocates and human rights groups — but it's a hit among shoppers.

The \$69.95 bear, which is accompanied by commitment papers, is selling well despite complaints that it insults and stigmatizes those with mental illness.

Vermont Teddy Bear Co. President Elisabeth Robert says the bear is meant as a funny Valentine's Day greeting and has been popular among customers.

"We made a very difficult decision not to withdraw it from the market," she said. "I listened to customers, from a lot of feedback from our employees. These people are Vermonters who really don't like to be told what to do." Mental health advocates have

called for the company to stop selling the bear, calling it "tasteless" and saying it stigmatized the mentally ill. Gov. Jim Douglas called the bear insensitive and inappropriate.

Robert said the company had planned the bear as a one-time offering for Valentine's Day, and that it will continue selling the bear until it is sold out.

She said the company is "truly sorry if we hurt anybody with this bear" but added that freedom of expression was at stake.

She said the bear got "the highest favorability rating" from customers and that she consulted with the Vermont Teddy Bear board of directors and radio stations that advertise the bear before deciding to keep it.

"We're not in a position to be told what we can and cannot sell," she said.

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# Terror scenarios of '70s similar to attacks today

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RANDY HERSCHT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Car bombs are set along one of New York City's busiest streets, timed to explode as the Israeli prime minister arrives. A tipster warns that FBI agents questioning suspected extremists in Chicago are in danger. Another informant claims terrorists are planning attacks on Los Angeles synagogues.

It sounds like the "threat matrix," the Bush administration's weekly summary of potential attacks.

But these threats were compiled in weekly CIA reports more than 30 years ago for the Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism, a Nixon-era task force created after the killings of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

"The scenarios were there in the early 1970s," said Brian Jenkins, a senior Rand Corp. adviser who wrote one of the earliest re-

ports on the long-term future of terrorism. "The scenarios are still here in the early 21st century."

The Associated Press reported Sunday that declassified documents it obtained show the task force envisioned in the 1970s many of the same terror threats that would greet President Bush decades later.

Intelligence reports from the FBI and CIA that were sent to the Cabinet panel back then show officials feared a terror attack would reach America's shores, perhaps carried out by Palestinian extremists.

"Although terrorist activities have taken place primarily in Europe and the Middle East, rumors and unconfirmed reports indicate that a Palestinian cell dedicated to violence is in place in the U.S. and allegedly is plotting with unnamed American extremist groups, some spectacular acts against American nationals and/or businesses," said one threat assessment compiled by the panel in fall 1972.

"These acts could be in the form of a bazooka or a suitcase rocket-launched attack against aircraft landing, loading or waiting to take off, a massacre at an airport similar to that experienced at Lod Airport, Tel Aviv, or the hijacking of an aircraft for the purpose of destroying it and its passengers if demands for the release of Arab prisoners are not met," the report said.

In the years after Munich, secret weekly situation reports compiled by the CIA show counter-intelligence officials worried about:

- A plot to attack an Israeli airliner on the ground in New York City with submachine guns and rockets. The FBI source reported that weapons were being held by Libyan or Iraqi diplomats, and that an attack would probably occur during the Passover season.

- A plan by Black September to sink a Miami-based cruise ship with 400 U.S. passengers en route to Israel to celebrate the Jewish high holy days.

## Anticipating terrorist attacks is not new

Declassified documents from the Nixon era reveal that the Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism foresaw many of the terrorist scenarios the United States is dealing with 32 years later.

### Some perceived threats from 1973-74

TARGET	DATE RECEIVED	PLACE	THREAT
FBI personnel	March 1973	United States	Chicago-area PLO sympathizers were compiling names of FBI agents for violent measures
Cruise ship	August 1973	Mediterranean Sea	Black September group planned to sink a ship bound for Israel in September 1973
Greek Orthodox churches	February 1974	Detroit	Greek Orthodox pastor threatened with assassination if he didn't influence Greece to release Black September terrorists; Greek Orthodox buildings also threatened

SOURCE: CIA

AP

- A threatened murder of a Greek Orthodox minister in Detroit if he didn't influence the Athens government to release terrorists held in Greek jails.

- A potential assassination of former Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, who was visiting the University of Utah.

None of those four threatened attacks took place.

The panel, which folded in 1977 after five years of work, used sources from many law enforcement and intelligence agencies, including the FBI and CIA, to track investigations of terrorist activities.

# Democrats battle to be Dean alternative for DNC election

BY WILL LESTER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats competing to lead their national party are battling for the role of "the anti-Dean," the alternative candidate to front-runner Howard Dean.

The field could be narrowed in next few days, as state party chairs and organized labor offer their views on the race.

With Democrats out of power in the White House, Senate and House, the Democratic Party's leadership role is especially important.



Dean

Few disagree that Dean, the former Vermont governor who was presidential front-runner for the Democrats throughout 2003, has surged into the lead with about three dozen endorsements from Democratic National Committee members.

"Governor Dean has a lot of support and is picking up a lot of speed," said veteran DNC member Donna Brazile. "But there are a lot of us who are still undecided."

The candidates for Democratic chair are Dean, former Texas Rep. Martin Frost, Democratic activists Donnie Fowler and Simon Rosenberg, former Denver Mayor Wellington Weber, former Indiana Rep. Tim Roemer and former Ohio state chair David Le-

land. The DNC election is set for Feb. 12.

Dean has been saying the kinds of things Democrats want to hear, talking about running campaigns in every state and helping build local and state parties.

But some Democrats worry the Northeasterner's high profile and sometimes sharp tongue are not what the party needs to expand its base to regions like the South and Midwest.

The candidates are invited to New York City this weekend for the last regional candidate forum. On Sunday and Monday, state party leaders will discuss whom they want to endorse.

Early next week, the AFL-CIO could decide whether to endorse one of the candidates.

Dean, Frost, Fowler and Rosenberg have all been talking about their chances to gain support from these groups, but it's far from clear whether either the state chairs or labor will settle on one candidate.

- Frost points to his record as head of the Democrats' congressional campaign committee in 1996 and 1998, raising \$80 million and helping House Democrats gain ground on Republicans.

- Fowler says his experience running campaigns in more than a dozen states over several campaigns helps him understand what state chairs need to build a successful party.

- Rosenberg points to his success raising money for the centrist New Democrat Network and his aggressive campaign to win

Hispanic support for the party.

- Roemer notes his background in national security as a member of the Sept. 11 commis-

sion and his ability to appeal to voters in all states.

- Webb says his experience as a mayor would help him connect

to local Democratic officials.

- Leland points to his ties in Ohio, the critical state in the 2004 presidential election.

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# Killer's execution delayed in Conn.

The Associated Press

SOMERS, Conn. — New England's first execution in 45 years was abruptly put on hold early Saturday after a federal judge reprimanded the serial killer's attorney, saying he was "terribly, terribly wrong" for trying to help end his client's life.

Michael Ross — who has asked to die and has dropped all appeals — was to be put to death by injection early Saturday. But with an hour to spare, state officials rescheduled the execution for Monday at the request of Ross' lawyer, T.R. Paulding.

"The request made by Mr. Paulding today is appropriate and we have no choice but to honor it," Chief State's Attorney Christopher Morano said.

Paulding said he needed to address a possible conflict of interest. Ross, 45, hired him last year to help expedite his execution.

Ross, an Ivy League graduate who terrorized eastern Connecticut and New York in the early 1980s, has confessed to eight murders.

Family members of his victims

said they were shocked by the turn of events. "He's guilty. He wants to die. So if he isn't executed, whom would you execute?" said Lan Manh Tu, whose sister, Dzung Ngoc Tu, was Ross' first known victim.

Raymond and Ellen Roode, whose daughter, April Brunais, was killed by Ross, said they don't believe he will ever be executed.

"It's been 20 years for those girls who are in their graves," Ellen Roode said. "It's too bad."

Although Ross has said he does not want to die, he decided last year to drop his appeals to spare the victims' families additional agony. His father and state public defenders, however, took up his appeals, fighting against his will to save his life.

On Friday, state officials believed they had cleared the last hurdle in the case, when the Supreme Court rejected pleas by Ross' father to spare his son's life. But then Paulding asked for the delay, disrupting execution plans at the last moment.

Earlier in the day, Paulding had been reprimanded by U.S.



Michael Ross

District Judge Robert Chatigny, who threatened to strip him of his law license, according to court documents released by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Chatigny, who had tried to delay the execution to hold a competency hearing but was overruled, accused Paulding of ignoring new information from another inmate, Ramon Lopez, and a prison guard who say Ross only wanted to die because of deplorable death row conditions.

Paulding would not say what he needed to consider this weekend, although he noted that his client did not ask for the delay.

"I feel that it is imperative I take the appropriate steps," Paulding said.

The state has to execute Ross by 11:59 p.m. Monday or its death warrant expires.

# Kid's drug-money find terrifies area parents

By JAMIE STENGLE

The Associated Press

DALLAS — A convenience store owner in one of Dallas' poorest neighborhoods was amazed when she started seeing children from the elementary school across the street buying candy and chips with \$100 bills.

"One boy came in here with a \$100 bill and asked for change," Charlene Williams said of an incident on Saturday. When she told the boy he needed to be careful with his "mama's money," he told her: "This ain't my mama's money. This is my money."

It turned out that a youngster had apparently found tens of thousands of dollars in suspected drug money and was handing it out to others.

Soon, though, some men came looking for the money, spreading fear through the South Dallas neighborhood.

Over the past few days, parents have told police that men had come to their doors, threatening their children and demanding their money back. The elementary school was so rife with rumors and threats of a drive-by shooting that it was locked down for an hour on Wednesday, and about 200 of the 600 children stayed home the next day.

On Thursday night, a man was

arrested and accused of abducting and beating a 12-year-old boy who had some of the money. The boy was later returned home.

Before he was jailed on \$5 million bail, the suspect, 23-year-old Sylvespa Adams, told KDFW-TV that he never threatened anyone and that the money had been stolen from him. He disputed it was drug money, as police suspect.

"I'm not no kidnapper," he said. "I work."

The boy's mother told The Dallas Morning News that her son had spent part of the money and given away the rest. She said she assured Adams that she would pay him back in installments.

"I don't know what else to do," she told the newspaper, speaking on condition of anonymity. "These people already know where I stay."

Lt. Jan Easterling, a police spokeswoman, said Thursday that detectives believe the youngsters may have found anywhere from \$30,000 to \$100,000.

On Friday, investigators said were still trying to determine who found the money, where and exactly how much. There were no additional suspects, and none of the children had been charged with a crime.

"Definitely people are saying they're afraid," Easterling said. "They're afraid for their kids."

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MAYO CLINIC HANDOUT VIA SCIENCE MAGAZINE/SHS

Researchers at the Mayo Clinic attached sensors to a group of patients in order to determine why some couch potatoes are lean. Their results suggested that even among those with non-existent exercise habits, those patients who are lean managed to move around enough each day to burn a few hundred more calories than their obese counterparts.

## Researchers: Some couch potatoes fidget their way to leanness

BY LEE BOWMAN

Scriptus Howard News Service

We all know them, those frustratingly lean machines who eat as much or more fattening stuff than we do, never deliberately exercise, and yet don't put on the pounds.

Now, an elaborate new study by researchers at the Mayo Clinic helps explain, at least in part, how the metabolisms of seemingly identical couch potatoes with the same lifestyles can be so different.

It turns out that obese couch potatoes sit still, on average, 150 minutes more each day than lean couch potatoes, who despite equally sedentary jobs and non-existent exercise habits, manage to walk, play, fidget and generally move around enough each day to burn about 350 calories more than the obese couch denizens do.

The researchers, who report their findings Friday in the journal *Science*, call this phenomena "non-exercise activity thermogenesis" (NEAT for short) and have spent nearly a decade designing the instruments and techniques to capture a person's every move.

"Our patients have told us for years that they have low metabolism, and as caregivers, we have never quite understood what that means, until today," said Dr. James Levine, an endocrinologist at the Rochester, Minn., clinic and lead author of the study.

"The answer is that they have low NEAT, which means they

have a biological need to sit more. A person can expend calories either by going to the gym, or through everyday activities. Our study shows that the calories that people burn in their everyday activities are far, far more important in obesity than we previously imagined."

Levine's team laid the groundwork for the current study with another Science report six years ago, when they noted that a group of equally overfed volunteers gained different amounts of weight and suggested that the difference was explained by individual differences in how they expended energy outside formal exercise.

The next step was to come up with a way to measure the energy used by every toe tap and calculate the calorie burn differences. Central to the effort was the Physical Activity Monitoring System, a movement-monitoring system that borrows technology from fighter jet control panels. Movement sensors were embedded in specially designed underwear worn by 20 volunteers 24 hours a day minus a 15-minute-a-day shower and underwear change break that was counted as "standing."

Levine conceded that the instrument package "appears slightly bizarre as it gives us a covert window into people's energetics and every activity in a completely unthreatening way. Because of it, we have a window into people's activity life that no one's ever had before."

# Legislators may cook up a way to grade kids' BMI

BY MICHAEL HILL

The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Kids' report cards could include reading, writing and weigh-ins, if a state lawmaker gets his way.

A bill being introduced by Assemblyman Felix Ortiz would require schools to annually provide parents information on their child's weight along with their grades. The brief health reports, which could also be sent alongside report cards, would show where kids stand relative to others on the body-mass index, or BMI, a height-to-weight ratio used to define underweight, overweight and obese people.

Ortiz — who has carved a niche for himself as a legislative fat fighter with proposals like taxing junk food — claims the expanded report card would spotlight potential health problems parents might overlook.

"I don't believe we should continue to take things for granted," said the Brooklyn Democrat. "I don't believe we should continue to say, 'Well, parents should know.'"

The proposal comes as public officials around the nation explore creative ways to deal with the alarming trend in childhood obesity.

Nine million school children nationwide are overweight, three times the number in 1980, according to one recent study. Health care professionals generally blame the increase on junk food,



Fourth-grader Kane Cameron, right, takes his lunch at Waterfront School in Buffalo, N.Y. A bill being introduced by Assemblyman Felix Ortiz would require schools to annually provide parents information on their child's weight along with their grades.

excessive TV watching and the decline of the sit-down family meal.

Statehouses have cooked up a bunch of programs and legislative proposals designed to raise weight consciousness.

The New York BMI proposal is similar to a 2003 Arkansas law which resulted in the release of the first annual BMI reports to parents last June. A Texas lawmaker introduced a separate BMI measure this month.

California banned soft drink sales at elementary and junior

high schools and some 20 states restrict students' access to junk food until after lunch.

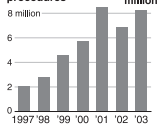
In New York, Gov. George Pataki has enlisted former Olympic swimmer Janet Evans and Philadelphia Flyers goalie Robert Esche to help promote the state's "Active-8 Kids" healthy lifestyle campaign.

New York City's health department recently found that 43 percent of elementary school students in the city are overweight, with Hispanic and black children more prone to being overweight than white or Asian kids.

## Taxing cosmetic nips and tucks

In September, New Jersey became the first and only state to tax cosmetic surgery. The tax is projected to bring in \$25 million a year. Some health officials say this law is a "dangerous precedent."

### Increase of surgical and nonsurgical cosmetic procedures\*



Source: American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery

\*Nonsurgical cosmetic procedures include skin removal, skin resurfacing and Botox and collagen treatments

2003 figures: Surgical procedures +65%, Nonsurgical procedures +18%

SOURCE: American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery

## Botox, tummy tucks may get 'vanity tax'

BY REBECCA COOK

The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Nip, tuck and ... tax? Lawmakers trying to plump up the bottom line are considering a "vanity tax" on cosmetic surgery and Botox injections in Washington, Illinois and other states.

Plastic surgeons and their patients say the idea is just plain ugly.

"It makes no sense. Where does it stop — massages, facials, teeth cleanings?" asked Karen Wakefield, 51, who has had a nose job, dermabrasion, liposuction, tummy tuck and breast lift — plus a little Botox here and there.

"Even having a baby is elective surgery," added Wakefield, an event planner in Woodinville, Wash. "Why not tax that, too?"

The Washington state senator who proposed the tax said she has never gone under the knife for beauty, but wouldn't rule it out.

"I, too, look in the mirror and see my mother," said Seattle Democrat Karen Keiser, 57. But she thinks cosmetic surgery patients can afford the state's 6.5 percent

sales tax. She wants to earmark the money for poor children's health insurance.

"We could do Botox-for-babies parties. It might be the new thing," Keiser said. "Anyone who can afford the money for cosmetic procedures, I don't think they would be deterred by a little sales tax. You pay it on your lipstick."

The tax would not apply to reconstructive surgery for, say, burn victims or women who have undergone mastectomies.

In September, New Jersey became the first and so far the only state to tax plastic surgery, at 6 percent. The tax is projected to bring in \$25 million a year.

In Illinois, the state comptroller has proposed a 6 percent tax on cosmetic surgery to create a stem cell research institute. If the Legislature approves, the question could be put to the voters in 2006.

In California, the very concept of cosmetic surgery, such procedures are tax-free. The cosmetic surgery tax is a cousin to the "sin taxes" many states slap on drinking, smoking and gambling during tough budget times.



# Ranch politics send horses to slaughter

By REBECCA ROSEN LUM  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — He's the star of this mountain ballet: Mustang No. 04217347, a yearling pinto with one blue eye, one brown.

Graceful, young, charged, oblivious to the frigid temperatures, he gallops in a 5-acre pen with about 20 other wild horses.

He was purchased by the Litchfield Bureau of Land Management compound outside Susanville, Calif., as part of a regular roundup, designed to keep down the wild horse population on public grazing lands.

In California, the agency brings in "excess" mustangs and sells them at auctions either at Litchfield, Ridgecrest, outside Bakersfield, or through independent "satellite" adoptions, such as annual ones in Brentwood and Livermore.

"How would you like to see that on your dinner plate?" asked a grim Willis Lamm, who trains horses on a ranch outside Oakley.

Far fetched? Not really. A provision slipped into a federal appropriations bill silently killed a 1971 law that kept feral horses from being sold to slaughterhouses.

Without that protection, horses less attractive than Mustang No. 04217347 could join the lucrative U.S. horse meat export market.

The legislative language, crafted by Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Montana, with the help of Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev. and Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., targets mustangs more than 10 years old — past the age of likely adoption — and any young horse that has been to three sales and not adopted.

Burns says his goal was to keep the mustangs from overpopulating, then starving to death. But backers, primarily cattle ranchers who hold leases on public lands, say the horses interfere in their operations.

Rachel Buzzetti, executive director of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association, defended the industry's support of the repeal.

"Water, springs, forage — they pretty much stomp the springs out," she said. "A lot of ranchers are showing 65 percent [less] forage."

But activists wanting to protect wild horses from slaughter are having none of it. After a recent strategizing session, they say a million-horse march on Washington is not out of the question.

## Horse: It's what's for dinner

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Once an ersatz beef of the poor, horse meat has morphed into a high-end fare of discerning Europeans.

And some of the world's tastiest comes from the United States, where mustangs roam the range buffing up on nothing but grass, according to European horse butchers.

"Horse meat is very good for your health," said Max Marki, proprietor of Boucherie Chevaline in Geneva. "During World War II, it was the meat of the poor. Now ... doctors recommend it, especially for people with heart problems."

Because it takes years for a horse to reach prime slaughter age, a hardship on a continent that lacks vast grasslands, European horse butchers seek stock from overseas, including the United States.

The heart of Europe's horse consumption stretches from Franco-phone Belgium to western Switzerland via France, with pockets in Italy, Spain, Austria and Germany. Horse is eaten, as well, in the Canadian province of Quebec, where the taste harkens back to France. Europe's biggest consumer of horse meat and its ancestral land of most Quebecois.

## N.C. buzz: Lack of bees hurting crops

By STEVE HARTSOE

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina is trying to boost the buzz surrounding the state's crops.

As farmers leave tobacco and move into new crops such as cucumbers, melons and berries, the state is confronting a crisis: It simply doesn't have enough honey bees to pollinate all those flowering plants.

"I feel that if we don't do something now about [this], we may be heading toward an agriculture crisis in the state," said David Tarry, the state's cooperative extension apiculturist and assistant professor at North Carolina State University.

In the late 1980s, the state had some 180,000 managed bee colonies, each of which contained at least 30,000 bees. But over the past 20 years, the state's healthy population of wild bees has been ravaged by mites.

Now, there are about 100,000 managed bee colonies, and the state's beekeepers last year had to turn down requests for some 10,000 new ones. Farmers must rely on bees from a dozen or so commercial beekeepers to pollinate their crops.

The bees are needed because without their flower-to-flower flights, farmers can't get the maximum yield from the new crops, which now account for \$100 million every year, according to state agriculture officials.

As bees visit flowers to collect nectar and pollen, they transfer pollen grains from one flower to another, fertilizing them and boosting seed and fruit production.

Bill Harrell is gradually moving out of tobacco, which doesn't need pollination to produce, and into cucumbers and melons.

At one time, the Wilson County farm that his grandfather bought during the Depression had roughly 85 acres of leaf under cultivation. Last year, Harrell grew just 38 acres of tobacco. And this



A hive of honey bees at Busy Bees Apiaries in Chapel Hill, N.C.

year, he's planting 100 acres of cucumbers and some 60 acres of melons.

Six years ago, he said, he could find plenty of bees to pollinate his flowering crops.

"Now there just ain't enough to go around," Harrell said. "[Without] the bees to help us pollinate, you're up against the wall."

Jack Tapp, a retired sheriff's detective who has run Busy Bee Apiaries in Chapel Hill since 1998, warns that startup costs are high and the payoff delayed in the bee business.

"You'll spend \$200,000 with no forecast of making any profit for the next two or three years, so you're not going to get many people jumping into it," he said.

North Carolina State University hopes a program it is starting will lure more people into the hobby. All aspects of bee cultivation — including breeding and production of honey, pollen and beeswax — generate \$10 million annually for the state's economy.

The school is providing 250 qualified applicants with two hives of Russian honey bees and bee hives. Participants have to invest \$50 to \$150 for beekeeper protective clothing, smokers and additional hive equipment.

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9:00	House of Mouse	8:50 Movie • • • "Kiss the Girls" (1997) Morgan Freeman. An eccentric detective and a forensic expert trail a killer.	8:50 "The Screen Team" (2002) Comedian Tommy Davidson, Kathy Najimy, Eric Idle.	Headline News	Headline News	PBA Golf 5th Hope Chrysler Classic - Third Round. From Las Vegas, Calif. (Taped)	Latin Lifestyle	Andromeda Dylan and crew enter the Route of Ages.
10:00	Ed, Edd & Eddy	10:00	Headline News	Headline News	The Chris Matthews Show	Fantasy Camp	Headline News	Headline News
10:30	Pillars of the Earth	10:30	Headline News	Headline News	Navy-Marine Corps News	Hoker on the Ramp	Headline News	Headline News
11:00	Out There	11:00	Headline News	Headline News	Big Story Weekend Edition	Radical Subculture	Headline News	Headline News
11:30	Planet's Funniest Animals	11:30	Headline News	Headline News	With Rita Cosby	All-American Festivals	Headline News	Headline News
12:00	NBA Inside Stuff	12:00	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	The Suzanne Somers Show	Headline News	Headline News
12:30	Happy Days	12:30	Headline News	Headline News	Fox and Friends	Myth Busters "Penny Drops"	Headline News	Headline News
13:00	Movie: "Anne: A Royal Adventure" (1995, Audible) Ashley Johnson, George Hearn.	13:00	Headline News	Headline News	CBS News Sunday Morning	ESPNews	Headline News	Headline News
14:00	Movie: "Ally Cat" (1994, Drama) Christine Ebersole, Vincent Spano, Jack Hamilton. Plane-crash survivors are forced to resort to cannibalism.	14:00	Headline News	Headline News	Face the Nation	SportsCenter	Headline News	Headline News
15:00	Movie: "Ally Cat" (1994, Drama) Christine Ebersole, Vincent Spano, Jack Hamilton. Plane-crash survivors are forced to resort to cannibalism.	15:00	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	NFL Countdown	Headline News	Headline News
16:00	Doug (E)	16:00	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Good Late	Headline News	Headline News
16:30	The Wild Thornberrys	16:30	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Tennis Australian Open - Men's Final. From Melbourne, Australia. (Same-day tape)	Headline News	Headline News
17:00	The Family OddParents	17:00	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Winter X-Games From Aspen, Colo.	Headline News	Headline News
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19:30	America's Funniest Home Videos	19:30	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Headline News	Headline News
20:00	Gilmore Girls "Raincoats and Recipes"	20:00	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Headline News	Headline News
21:00	American Dreams "No Way Out"	21:00	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Headline News	Headline News
21:30	The Cosby Show	21:30	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Headline News	Headline News
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00:30	Rugrats	00:30	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Bucks at Cleveland Cavaliers	Headline News	Headline News
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1:30	Eastern gray kangaroos.	1:30	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Bucks at Cleveland Cavaliers	Headline News	Headline News
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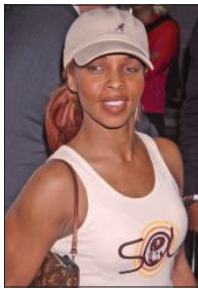
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Thanks to the ministrations of trainer Mark Jenkins, P. Diddy, above, got in shape for a marathon; Mary J. Blige, left, lost 30 pounds; and Beyoncé Knowles, far left, whittled her "bowling pin" body shape into an "hourglass."

**Q** Is it true that Nicole Kidman is dating Stephen Bing, the playboy who dumped Liz Hurley while she was pregnant with his child? — Trisha McK., Irvine, Calif.

**A** We recently asked her point-blank: "Are you dating Steve Bing?" Replied Kidman, 36: "No, I'm not romantically interested in him." The awesome Aussie said dating is difficult because her celebrity intimates many men. Our advice to Nicole: Hold out for the best. You deserve it.

**Q** Years ago, Sen. Joe Biden had hair-implant plugs. Is that procedure still used, or do balding celebs have other options? — Randall Henry, Sacramento, Calif.

**A** "Plugs are out," says Dr. Paul McAndrews, whose expertise and discretion attract many high-profile hairlines. "Today's state of the art is follicular unit grafts using a stereoscopic microscope." It costs \$4,000-\$30,000. Many celebs have had transplants, but Tom Arnold and John Cless are among the few to go public.

**Q** Garth Brooks seems to have vanished. What's happened to him? — T. Long, Mobile, Ala.

**A** He's been in semi-retirement for four years — since ending his turbulent, 14-year marriage to Sandy Mahl, mother of his three girls. Garth, 42, says he misses showbiz, but being at home in Oklahoma with his daughters is worth it. He says he might return when his youngest turns 18. (That would be in 2014.) Meanwhile, Garth denies rumors of a secret marriage to his longtime musical collaborator, Trisha Yearwood, 40. If they haven't tied the knot yet, we predict they will soon.

**Q** Rob Lowe got booted from "The West Wing." "The Lyon's Den" and "dr. vegas." Is the TV industry prejudiced against him? — Beverly Werneburg, Granada Hills, Calif.

**A** Quite the opposite. The industry has given him several chances, but Lowe, 40, hasn't found the right vehicle since quitting "The West Wing." (He wasn't fired.) More important, the TV audience hasn't warmed up to him, so his shows got booted.

**Q** ABC's ratings have soared thanks to "Desperate Housewives" and "Lost." Will that boost ex-ABC president Robert Iger's chances of succeeding Michael Eisner as CEO of Disney, ABC's parent company, when Eisner retires in 2006? — Kara Ganz, Duluth, Minn.

**A** We don't see why it should. It wasn't Iger (now Disney's president) but Susan Lyne, head of ABC's prime-time entertainment schedule, who helped develop those shows before Eisner fired her. But Lyne, 54, got sweet revenge: She landed a three-year contract as president of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia and immediately sold Martha's forthcoming show to rival NBC.

**Q** You said Bette Davis was a better actress than Ingrid Bergman. I agree. Where does that leave Kate Hepburn? — Robert Burns, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

**A** She wasn't called Katharine the Great for nothing. Hepburn won four Oscars — a record — which says it all. But our pick for the all-time best film actress is no golden oldie. It's Meryl Streep, who already has surpassed Hepburn's 12 nominations, has won twice and, at 55, still is going strong.

**Q** Your report on Hollywood's top fitness guru made me curious: Who trains the hottest bobs in the music biz? — Erik Shelton, Green Bay, Wis.

**A** Mark Jenkins, 34, who whipped P. Diddy into shape in just eight weeks for his 4½-hour finish in the 2003 New York City Marathon. He also helped Mary J. Blige take off 30 pounds and put Beyoncé on a 30-day intensive regimen. "I told Beyoncé we had to change her shape from a bowling pin into an hourglass," says Jenkins, whose book, "The Jump Off: 60 Days to a Hip-Hop Hard Body," was published this month.

**Q** Robin Williams hasn't made a comedy since "Death to Smoochy" in 2002. Why is he avoiding his strongest suit? — Mason Lubert, Vienna, Va.

**A** He isn't. Williams, 53, says really great comic scripts are hard to find. Until one comes along, he's doing his histrionic best — lending his voice to the animated film "Robots" and appearing with daughter Zelda in "House of D," directed by David Duchovny. Both are due this spring.

**Q** I'm a fan of Dominick Dunne ("The Two Mrs. Grenvilles," "A Season in Purgatory"). When can we expect his next novel? — Tom Jones, South Plainfield, N.J.

**A** "I'm writing 'A Solo Act,' which I hope to have published next fall," Dunne, 79, tells us. "It's set in New York and is about money, corruption and murder." Sounds like Dunne's formula is a nutsell.

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## Stadium in the pink

**ME** PORTLAND — The agency that maintains the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' stadium has filed a lawsuit against a Maine seat manufacturer, claiming that shoddy craftsmanship caused the stadium's red seats to turn pink.

In the lawsuit, the Tampa Sports Authority says the original red seats, designed to match the team's uniforms, have faded to an "unsightly pink" and that the paint on the seat's stanchions has bubbled and peeled.

The suit says that Hussey Seating Co. of North Berwick last year promised to replace the seats before the start of the 2005 football season. But Hussey officials told the authority earlier this month that it could not meet the deadline.

## eBay buyer beware

**CA** SACRAMENTO — A man is accused of selling almost \$100,000 worth of Rolex watches and professional sports tickets on the Web site eBay, but never delivering the goods.

Gilbert Vartanian was arrested Thursday in the Sacramento suburb of Fremont on 12 counts of mail fraud.

Vartanian is accused of defrauding more than 10 victims of \$93,324.52 between January 2001 and June 2004. He maintained at least three eBay accounts and more than a dozen user names, according to a federal grand jury indictment.

The victims believed they were buying Rolexes and tickets to the New York Knicks, Pittsburgh Steelers, New England Patriots, New York Giants, Green Bay Packers, Philadelphia 76ers and the New York Jets, and for boxing and auto racing events.

## Dumping sparks lawsuit

**KY** PIKEVILLE — Environmentalists have sued the federal government in an attempt to stop coal mining companies from looting off the tops of mountains and dumping the rocks and dirt into valleys.

The lawsuit seeks to stop the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from issuing permits for the dumping, which environmentalists claim will destroy Kentucky's streams.

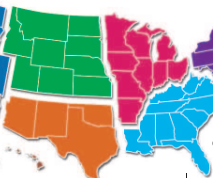
"This is an absurd and outrageous abuse of their power and neglect of their duty to protect the nation's waterways," said Teri Blanton, a member of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, one of three groups that filed the suit Thursday in Lexington.

The mining industry has increasingly relied on mountaintop removal to expose coal seams because it's a quick and efficient process.

## Parade protesters walk

**CO** DENVER — Never mind. Three days after firmly vowing to prosecute all the approximately 230 remaining cases against Columbus Day parade protesters, City Attorney Cole Finnegan has announced that he will instead dismiss them.

Finnegan's announcement cited a string of recent judicial rulings in the protesters' favor, plus the acquittal of eight protest organizers who stood trial last week for blocking the Oct. 9 parade.



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

The Columbus Day parade has been a lightning rod for controversy for more than a decade. American Indian Movement activists arrested for blocking the 1991 parade were acquitted at a 1992 trial, and the parade was then shelved until 2000.

Protests at the 2000 parade led to 139 more arrests; all those defendants saw their cases dismissed a few months later. More than 240 people were arrested at the event last year, for blocking the parade's progress.

The protesters have said they acted out of a moral duty to stop what they see as an act of ethnic intimidation, because they see the event as a celebration of a historical figure they blame for the genocide and oppression of millions.

## Sheriffs snub smokers

**FL** TAMPA — Smokers, put down that nicotine stick and take note: If you want to be a cop in Tampa Bay, you might want to kick the habit.

Smokers already are shunned from restaurants, malls and movie theaters. Now the sheriffs in Hillsborough and Pasco counties say they will ban cigarettes and other tobacco products from the mouths and lungs of their forces.

Hillsborough County Sheriff David Gee and Pasco County Sheriff Bob White won't hire people who are smokers, cigar users or tobacco chewers, even if they only indulge when off-duty. Sworn depu-

ties already on the force will be encouraged to toss their Marlboros and Camels whenever on duty and in public.

In Pasco, the Sheriff's Office will only hire applicants who do not smoke or use any tobacco products "in any way, either on or off duty" and have not used tobacco in the previous six months. The policy, which took effect last week, won't apply to current employees, but spokesman Doug Tobin said, "We believe all employees could benefit by participating."

## ATV driver rams officer

**NH** PELHAM — Police are expanding their search for a scotflaw ATV driver who ran down a police lieutenant, sending him flying into the air.

Lt. Joseph Roark, who suffered a minor shoulder injury in Monday's incident, said investigators hope to get leads that will lead them to the driver and two companions.

Police say they are working with neighboring departments to identify the three, who wore helmets, face plates and full body suits.

## Error fuels gas deal

**NE** OMAHA — A misplaced decimal point on a gas station's surprisingly good deal on gas, and fueled some threats of violence.

Carolyn Folsom, who occasionally helps her brother and father run the self-service Shell station, said she goofed Wednesday when entering prices into the computer that runs the fuel tanks. A gallon of regular, unleaded gasoline was supposed to sell for \$1.89 but ended up costing only 18 cents.

Folsom said about 500 gallons of gas were sold during the several hours the price was down, costing the business about \$1,000. The station does not have an attendant and the only way to pay is at the pump, so the mistake went unnoticed for hours.

A fuel truck driver who came to deliver gas discovered the problem and tried to block the entrance of the station with his truck, Folsom said.

But by then word was out and the rush for cheap fuel was on.

Folsom said one person threatened to hit the fuel truck driver with a hammer if he didn't stop blocking the entrance.

## Criminal stupidity

**DE** NEW CASTLE — It could be the world's worst first date.

New Castle County police say that after two men robbed the pizza delivery woman, one of them called the victim on his cell phone to apologize — and to ask her out on a date.

The victim, 18, declined the request. Instead, she gave the cell phone number to police, who arrested Brent Brown, 25.

Through a photo lineup, the victim also identified Brown as one of the robbers.

Officers searched a residence and found the pizza boxes in the trash can with the original receipt still attached.

"It would make a perfect story for the television show, 'The World's Dumbest Criminals,'" said county police spokesman Cpl. Trinidad Navarro.



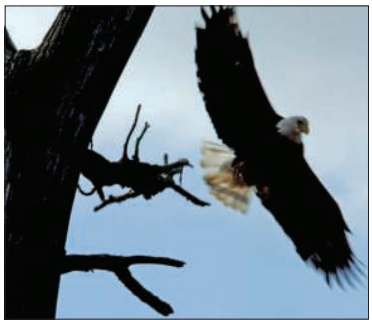
## Peaceful panda

Giant panda Mei Xiang, one of two giant pandas at the National Zoo, takes time to enjoy the year's first snowfall in Washington, D.C.



## Downhill all the way

Megan McElmeel, 7, left, helps push Kelsey Sands, 10, center, and Megan's twin sister, Liz McElmeel, 7, right, down the hill while sledding in Waterloo, Iowa.



## Just winging it

An American bald eagle takes off from a perch above the floodwaters of the Illinois River south of the boat launch in Meredosia, Ill.



## Shooting for success

Josh Elliott, 8, of Anderson, S.C., gets ready to hit the cue ball while playing pool at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club in Anderson, S.C.





Penny Garner of Poulsbo, Wash., takes her kayak out for the first time this year on a warm day in at the Poulsbo Marina.

## Kayak country



Rick Chavez, 20, rides a skim board in the shallow surf of Miami Beach, Fla.

## Surf's (not) up!



## It's all about trout

Gary Miller casts for steelhead trout in Lake Erie near Avon Lake, Ohio. In the background, ice chunks have formed atop the breakwater.

## No shorts, no freedom

**TN** MEMPHIS — The naked jogger has met his fate: a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine for running around the neighborhood without his shorts.

Fate Patterson, 39, of West Memphis, Ark., was convicted Wednesday of indecent exposure, fleeing and resisting arrest.

Municipal Court Judge William P. Rainey sentenced him to a fully clad year behind bars.

Police had received reports for several months from a West Memphis neighborhood of a man jogging in the nude before they arrested Patterson on Jan. 11, an unseasonably warm day.

Officers said they saw Patterson jogging bare from the waist down and ordered him to stop. When he kept running, officers used a stun gun to pause the pursuit of the pantless perpetrator.

## Boy can swallow again

**AZ** PHOENIX — Surgeons created a new esophagus for a 5-year-old boy from Peru who hasn't been able to swallow food since accidentally drinking a cleaning solution when he was 18 months old.

Doctors at Banner Desert Medical Center in suburban Mesa said Wednesday's 6½-hour operation on Patrick Pacherez was a success and the boy may be able to go home in three months depending on his progress.

The hospital and doctors donated their services with Pacherez's trip to Arizona arranged by Healing the Children, a non-profit volunteer organization that secures medical treatment for seriously ill children from around the world.

## Colleges seek farmers

**CT** MERIDEN — Mealy apples, boxed mashed potatoes, frozen veggie mixes and suspicious meats drive many a college student to the cereal and bagel bins.

But dining halls from Bates College in Maine to the University of California at Santa Cruz are improving their food and helping their local agricultural economies by going straight to the farm.

They're seeking out small and medium-sized farmers near campus for fresh produce, meat and dairy products. Most of the farmers grow organic crops or use pesticides sparingly and practice methods of sustainable agriculture, such as crop rotation.

About 200 colleges nationwide purchase at least one product from a small farm in their community or state, according to Kristen Markley, National Farm to College Program Manager of the Community Food Security Coalition.

## Unfortunate incident

**CA** HAYWARD James Charles Booth was a week from retiring with a pension. The 65-year-old forklift mechanic and father, whose wife died five years ago, was looking forward to driving his RV to his new house in Nevada to pursue his love of car racing.

Known as "Gramps," Booth had lived in his home for more than a decade. But his modest neighborhood had deteriorated, gunshots rang out at night and rival gangs resorted to violence to protect their turf, acquaintances say.

Booth was ready to leave it all and start his life anew. But at 9:15

p.m. Wednesday, he heard a disturbance outside and went to his front porch to check it out. Shots rang out, and one bullet struck him in the chest. He died at his home, the innocent victim of a gang dispute, police said.

## Rat 'amusement park'

**IL** CHICAGO — A jury handed down guilty verdicts Thursday in the federal trial of a cold storage company accused of unsanitary conditions at a food warehouse described by prosecutors as "an amusement park for rats."

LaGros Distribution System Inc. and its president, Jack Stewart, were convicted on all counts, said Randall Samborn, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office.

Stewart, 55, was accused of conspiring to cover up unsanitary conditions at the 500,000-square foot warehouse that supplied meat and other foods to stores and restaurants throughout the Chicago area.

## Child sex charge

**CA** SACRAMENTO — A 49-year-old man on probation for soliciting sex with a minor in July 2000 has been indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of crossing state lines to have sex with a 14-year-old girl last year, authorities say.

Michael Dahl was charged after he left his cell phone at an ex-girlfriend's home and she answered a tearful call on it from his 14-year-old victim, according to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court.

Dahl apparently had befriended the girl through a telephone personal ad service six weeks after being released from prison for violating his probation on a previous sex charge involving a minor, the complaint states.

## Slush wars are on

**ME** PORTLAND — It's a brave new winter wonderland that has pitted neighbor against neighbor with reports of derelict property owners leaving their sidewalks covered with a slippery mush of snow and ice.

The city received scores of calls on Tuesday from people reporting their neighbors in violation of a long-standing ordinance requiring home owners and businesses to remove slippery snow and ice from their property.

"They go out with their pencils and go to town," said Maynard Sprague, a public works dispatcher.

City officials they had received complaints about 65 properties throughout Portland as of Tuesday.

## 'Choose Death'

**SC** COLUMBIA — South Carolina lawmakers are proposing several alternatives to the state's "Choose Life" license plates including "Choose Death," "Choose Abortion" and simply "Pro Choice."

The proposals were introduced after the U.S. Supreme Court this week refused to hear South Carolina's appeal of a ruling that found the state's "Choose Life" plates unconstitutional.

The 4th Circuit Court of Appeals had earlier ruled the "Choose Life" plates violated the First Amendment because abortion rights supporters were not offered a similar plate.

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# Sunday Horoscope

Ask not what the body of human knowledge can do for you; ask what you can do for the body of human knowledge.

A day spent dreaming, scheming and inventing is a day well spent while Mercury transits through Aquarius. Contributing to the intellectual fabric of society starts by solving the simple problems in your own life.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**JANUARY 30.** This is your year. It makes no sense to work grueling hours and sacrifice until it hurts your soul. You should be praising instead of punishing yourself. Keep track of all you give through the next 12 weeks. Your building self-esteem is noticed by new friends and a love interest. Too. Lucky love signs are Virgo and Pisces.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Do what you must to feed your romantic life. This should feel more like fun than work, but either way, it's important to just do it. When you're not expecting a response, you'll get the best one ever.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

There's still more studying to do, but what you already know will begin to pay off in some way, too. You'll be asked to give a repeat performance. If you do, you shine even brighter than before.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Work will call to you, but don't answer that call—you need your rest more. Keep understanding long ones close by. Low-key fun will be restorative. Laughter is your spiritual retreat.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Powerful people surround you, but unless you can connect with them mentally and emotionally, you won't be able to tap into their mojo. So make an effort to get on the same wavelength with your fellow man.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your approach to getting your life together today includes so much wishful thinking, you may as well be rubbing Aladdin's lamp in hopes that a genie will pop out. Lucky for you, it won't.

magic does really happen.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** See the positive side of self-indulgence. Cravings or obsessive thought patterns are a sign that a basic need has yet to be met. If you satisfy the need, your symptoms finally abate, and you can get back to giving.

## Holiday Mathis



**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The list of things that must be done today is endless. If you really took the time to write it out and look at it, you might be paralyzed in a state of wondering what to do first. So wing it for a few hours before you make a formal plan.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

The creative well is dry. You need inspiration as much as you need food and air. Go into the world in the form of a sponge ready to soak up any entertainment, intellectual stimulation and artistry you encounter.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're on a cosmic time-out—not so much a punishment as an invitation to reflect on the events of last week. Regrets? You have a few, then again, too few to mention.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your body has something to tell you and could be retailing from a bad batch of yours. Don't push yourself; just make good choices. It's easier to tame the monster while the monster is still small.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Style, glamour and aesthetics are of interest. You are looking for something fresh as you hone the way you present yourself to the world. Out pictures of people who exude the kind of success you'd like to have.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Really to get more supporters for your pet cause. A phone drive, e-mail list or a contest of some sort helps you make a splash. Avoid friction between friends—as it's just not worth it.

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# History bound in 'red tape'

I have often heard people complain about things not getting accomplished due to too much bureaucratic "red tape." Please provide the origin of this phrase.

The term "red tape" has indeed been around for some time, appearing in print many times over the last 300 years. But it did not always refer to excessively complex official procedures that cause delay or frustration. In fact, "red tape" originally referred to the red, ribbon-like strips of material formerly used in England to bind legal documents.

This official use of red tape is mentioned several times in English and American literature. But even as "red tape" was being

used in this literal sense, it was already taking on its more common, negative connotation. By the 19th century, the British legal system had gained a reputation of being frustratingly complex and slow-moving. Legal documents, typically lengthy and verbose, were material manifestations of an excessively regulated and formalized system, and the bright red ribbon that bound them came to symbolize this overwrought bureaucracy. From this association "red tape" eventually came to refer to any bureaucratic rigmarole in general.

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# Meepskate husband won't stop sweating about money

**Dear Abby:** I love my husband, "Harvey," very much, but he is tight with money. I am not a spendthrift, and we pay our bills on time and have no large debts, so you can get back to giving.

Every time we buy something, Harvey feels the need to comment about how much we're spending. This includes eating out—which we do infrequently. I have walked out of more than one restaurant when Harvey started complaining about the prices. I tell him it takes the enjoyment out of an otherwise pleasant experience, but he doesn't seem to get it. He says he likes to complain and that I should ignore it.

We have an anniversary coming up, and I know Harvey will want to take me out to dinner, but I can't look forward to it because I know what will happen, and I won't have a good time. What should I do?

## — Wants to Eat in Peace in Maine

**Dear Wants to Eat in Peace:** Remind your frugal husband in plain terms that your anniversary is a special day, and you don't want the evening ruined by his complaining about the cost of the date. When your special day arrives and you're leaving for the restaurant, tell him sweetly that

if he complains about the expense, he'll be sleeping in the doghouse.

**Dear Abby:** I am (not by choice) the single mother of a beautiful 19-month-old daughter I'll call Jenny. Jenny's father, "John," died in a car accident less than a year ago. His best friend, "Paul," arranged a benefit with the proceeds to go to Jenny. That was last July. Jenny has yet to receive a dime of this money.

Paul never told me the exact amount that was raised, and he still has the money. I send a lot of time with them, but I'm scared to ask. Paul and his wife are facing some big expenses, so I'm afraid they might "borrow" Jenny's money. All of it was donated by family, friends and the people I work for.

I ask Paul's wife about it the other day, and she said she would get back to me, but the expression on her face was telling. I'm afraid they're going to use my daughter's money to cover their expenses. I really want to get it out of their hands and put it in Jenny's trust account. How can I keep the peace and still get what is due my daughter?

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# Counseling best option for mother of criminal daughter

**Dear Annie:** This past summer, my 19-year-old daughter, "Joy," was arrested for murder. There is no question that she did it.

Four years ago, Joy moved out of my house and went to live with my ex-husband and his wife. In those four years, Joy quit school, was in and out of trouble, and became pregnant. My ex and his wife now have custody of my 3-year-old granddaughter, and I must say they are doing a wonderful job of raising her.

Even though Joy always was a handful, we used our best to bring her up right and sought professional help all along the way. It just never did any good. I'm trying to come to terms with what my daughter has done, but I can't find any support groups for parents whose children have committed heinous crimes. There are lots of victims' groups, but none that address the grief and despair of the families of the perpetrators.

What do I say when people ask me how my daughter is doing?

## Dear Alone: Feeling Alone

**Dear Alone:** Society is quick to blame the parents when a child commits a crime, even when parents have done everything possible to provide a loving, decent home life. You do not have to convey any information

about Joy's current status unless you want to. You need only say, "Joy is fine, thanks."

No matter what your child has done, we know you still love her. We are not aware of any support group, but counseling is always a good idea when faced with such anguish. Ask your doctor or clergyman to refer you to someone.

## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** My mother raised five children by herself and is used to cooking in huge volumes. We eat dinner at her home once a week, and she always cooks two or three times more than what we actually need, and then saddles us with the leftovers. We never want nor need this extra food.

Mom is from the old country and thinks that the way others view her cooking is a reflection on her. If we told her not to give us the leftovers, she would be deeply insulted. I really enjoy her kindness, but I don't know what to do. Your opinion?

## — Sick of the Leftovers in Florida

**Dear Leftovers:** If you cannot tell Mom that you won't eat the leftovers, simply thank her and then toss them in your freezer or to the dogs. Food that isn't decently accepted, but if you

**— Hopeful in Ohio**  
**Dear Hopeful:** That may not be possible, however, your daughter's future is more important than a potential argument. If the money that was raised for your daughter has been diverted, it may be considered fraud and embezzlement. For Jenny's sake, please consult a lawyer and have the lawyer get the money plus an accounting.

**Dear Abby:** My boyfriend is obsessed with large breasts and constantly "hints" that I should enlarge my 34Cs.

Lately he has been coming home late and telling me that he's been working overtime, when I know for a fact that he's been hanging out with his girlfriend, a stripper with 38DDs.

I love my boyfriend and don't want to lose him, but I'm not sure about enlargement. If it's the only way I can get him away from her, I guess I'll do it. What do you think, Abby?

**— Not Bust Enough in Philly**  
**Dear Not Enough:** Rather than enlarging your breasts to satisfy his obsession, you'd better served to enlarge your circle of boyfriends.

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pass any homeless people on the street, they surely would be thrilled to receive such a meal.

**Dear Annie:** You printed a letter about a couple who planned a vacation with friends, but the wife is upset about leaving on her daughter's 10th birthday, even though the girl had a party the weekend before. Dad said the parents lavish on this girl in an attempt to pacify her. You suggested they join their friends on vacation the following day. I say "balooney!" I believe a little old brush in the right spot might help out there. That man should tell his daughter to stop whining and let his wife know, 0 to 10 without her. I have been married for 63 years and would never put up with that.

**— Wisconsin**  
**Dear Wisconsin:** Your advice wasn't intended to placate the daughter.

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## RELIGION

# Relient K's songs offer plenty to ponder

BY BRIAN BOWERS  
Stars and Stripes

Relient K has grown up.

On its first few CDs, the pop-punk band offered a light-hearted look at life and relationships. The discs were filled with witty, off-kilter observations and lyrics. The music often bounced closer to pop than punk.

But on the band's fourth full-length disc, "MMHMM," frontman and songwriter Matt Thiessen offers deeper insights and edgier music. The wit is still there but the songs offer more to ponder than a few clever phrases.

And the straight-forward guitars and pounding drums place the disc more firmly in the punk category.

"Be My Escape," which currently rides atop R&R's Christian rock radio chart, typifies the disc, flowing from assertive guitar-work to an acoustic finale while discussing doubt, insecurity and grace. "I So Hate Consequences" is one of the strongest songs of the disc, exploring mistakes and pleading for God's help.

The punk beat pushes its way forward in "The Only Thing You Can't Beat a Dead Horse Is Betting On One" — about truth — and "Which To Bury, Us Or The Hatchet" — about a failed relationship. The "old" Relient K is most evident in "My



Photo courtesy: Gitter Records

The pop-punk band Relient K is, from left, Matt Thiessen, Matt Hoopes and Dave Douglass.

Girl's Ex-Boyfriend," which offers the view that "if it wasn't for him, he would be able to see that, if it wasn't for him, he'd be as happy as me."

A mellower tone emerges in a few songs, such as "Let It All Out," which delves into

the complex nature of pain, and "When I Go Down," which ends the disc with reflections on turning to God amid failure.

Like the band's previous discs, "MMHMM" has a lot of say about relationships — with friends, girlfriends/boyfriends and God — but the level of the discussion has matured significantly.

On the Web: [www.relient.com](http://www.relient.com)

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Contemporary Christian artists are usually quick to offer support and thanks to U.S. troops serving overseas. Sometimes the thoughts find their way back again.

In Iraq, Staff Sgt. Blake Fletcher is commander of a security truck for the 256th Brigade Combat Team, part of the Louisiana Army National Guard.

Fletcher recently wrote to members of the worship group Phillips, Craig and Dean about "how much your music has blessed me and has helped keep me in the right spirit." The staff sergeant agreed to let the message appear here after it was brought to Stripes' attention.

On Dec. 16, Fletcher and his crew were called to the tactical operations center, where he learned that an improvised explosive device had hit a Humvee, killing a young lieutenant and wounding the rest of the crew. Fletcher's job was to escort unit leadership to the hospital.

While at the hospital, Fletcher led a prayer for the group of visitors. But on the way back to his forward operating base, he

was overwhelmed by thoughts of what Christmas would be like for the family of the fallen lieutenant and for his own family.

Feeling depressed, he knew he had to pray again.

"I laid on my bunk and put on your CD, 'Let the Worshippers Arise.' As I played it, the first song came on, 'I Am A Friend of God.' That spirit of depression and fear left me in an instant and I went to sleep with a smile on my face and joy in my heart. It was probably one of my best nights of rest in a long time.

"I have seen things that no man should have to, but that is our calling on the battlefield. I have called Jesus' name many times over here. There is just something about that name that gives power, peace and direction. ...

"I wanted you to know how your music has blessed my life."

On the Web: [www.phillipsraigandean.com](http://www.phillipsraigandean.com).

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Fletcher

# Nigerian cardinal picks his words carefully

## When he speaks, it's of sacrifice, God's help — not papal succession

BY JEFFREY WEISS  
The Dallas Morning News

Cardinal Francis Arinze was the Vatican's point man for interreligious outreach for 18 years. Yet he is famously reluctant to be interviewed.

That's said to be tied partly to his impatience with secular reporters who badger him about his chances of ascending to the papacy.

The 72-year-old Nigerian-born cardinal is on any short list of candidates to succeed John Paul II.

The cardinal charmed a small crowd in Dallas recently with his acceptance speech for an award he got for his interfaith work.

God, he said, deserves the credit for anything he's achieved as a cleric.

"When you praise a suit well-made, you are praising the tailor," he said with a smile. "Not the thread that the suit is put on in the tailor shop."

After his speech, he reluctantly but thoughtfully answered a few questions from The Dallas Morning News.

In 2002, after serving as the head of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, he was named the head of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of Sacraments. That shifted his focus from what may be the

Vatican's strongest outreach program to the most sacred internal workings of the Catholic Church.

It also places him near the top of the Vatican hierarchy.

He was in Dallas for a conference on Catholic liturgy. He received his award on the same day news broke about a Catholic archbishop being kidnapped in Iraq. The cleric's release the next day scarcely lessens the danger that religious leaders face in many parts of the world.

There is no easy advice the Vatican can offer its clergy, Cardinal Arinze said.

"We cannot solve violence with violence. We have to try to solve hatred with love," he said.

"If we try to pay hatred back with hatred, that will not be a good solution. ... I know this is easy to say, difficult to do. As Christians, this is what Christ taught us," he said.

"Easy to say, difficult to do — but not impossible. With God's help, I must add that: with God's help."

His two decades of interfaith work spanned a time when some chasms seemed to close while others grew larger. Cardinal Arinze suggested that the bridge builders don't get as much attention as the bridge destroyers.

"There are many people sacrificing themselves for others. Often they do not catch the head-



THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS/KRT

Nigerian Cardinal Francis Arinze, a senior cardinal at the Vatican in Italy, was presented the Thanks-Giving Distinguished World Achievement Award at a ceremony in Dallas earlier this month.

lines. One evil action catches the headlines," he said.

"But occasionally, the headlines mention people like Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta — occasionally. Such people remind us that there is hope."

Despite the internal focus of his current job, Cardinal Arinze thrust himself into last year's American presidential campaign

when he issued a statement from the Vatican saying Catholic politicians who unambiguously support abortion are "not fit" to receive Communion.

Democratic candidate John Kerry, a Catholic, had said that he was personally opposed to abortion but supported the legal right of a woman to obtain one.

Someone who publicly embrac-

es a particular faith has an obligation to live in accord with that faith, the cardinal said.

"A person should be clear on what that person's religious teaches ... and make an effort to live it," he said.

"It demands sacrifice. But every student or ... athlete who wants to win in the Olympic Games knows that sacrifice is necessary if you want a good result."







## OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates.

Bush put big picture into words  
Chicago Tribune

At his [second] inaugural, President Bush spoke to a nation where political divisions run deep, a nation at war, a nation where many of its citizens sharply question the wisdom of his leadership.

The president acknowledged that division, but he also delivered a stirring reminder that there are values — democracy, liberty, freedom and opportunity — that unite this nation.

Those are not mere words. They are words that dictate actions, words that carry consequences, words that can bring change — and pain. "America's vital interests and our deepest beliefs are now one," Bush said. The speech was notable for what Bush did not say. He did not mention Iraq. He said nothing of Iran, North Korea or other nations that threaten the world with their nuclear ambitions. He didn't have to.

For as surely as the Cold War was a contest between two ideologies — capitalism and communism — so too is the current war on terror a battle of beliefs. In this war, America fights an enemy that cherishes fear over liberty, that fights fiercely to maintain the ability to repress women and minorities, that slaughters innocents in a campaign to deny citizens the right to vote freely. ...

Political speeches sometimes rise to history. Here is a prayer that Bush's words live beyond the moment, and that the next four years are defined not by divisions, but by the values that all Americans share.

No one could rival Carson  
The (Carlsle, Pa.) Sentinel

Carnac the Magnificent, Art Fern, host of the "Tea Time Movie," Floyd R. Turbo, concerned citizen. And dear, sweet, lovable Aunt Blabby.

Any of these were characters played by Johnny Carson, the record-setting host of "The Tonight Show" who died Sunday at age 79. But Carson won't be remembered for the roles so much as he will be remembered for being himself.

As a fan and a student of comedy, he championed the people who could make him laugh. The simple device of inviting a young standup comic over to the desk instead of cutting to a commercial was Carson's stamp of approval — and one that seldom escaped his hosts' notice.

Competing TV networks coveted Carson's audience, and it's a tribute to him that they could never carve out much of a slice of it from Johnny Carson. Carson, from Dick Cavett to Chevy Chase, from Pat Sajak and Joan Rivers to Arsenio Hall, there are enough of them to create a museum of failed late-night talk show hosts. Carson was never to hip for the heartland, never too uncool for the coasts. Despite his occasional flights with the network to raise his pay, shorten the program and bring in guest hosts, he never seemed to leave the show and he always made it look easy.

Keep remembering mind  
The Seattle Post-Intelligencer

President Bush's second term inevitably will feature American domestic policies. His legacy and the country's future will be bright if he makes balance his watchword.

It means resisting any urge to remake society along the lines of the most conservative Republican ideology. Such overreach could threaten long-standing social safety net supports and deepen cultural divisions without re-establishing the middle-class strengths that have built this country.



If Bush follows a moderate course, however, he will give the country opportunities to build on the individual virtues about which he so deeply cares while maintaining reasonable levels of social support and cohesion. ...

After a first term marked by tax cuts and deficits, Bush has an obligation to follow through on promises to reduce the flow of red ink. One test of leadership will be to limit the deficits without damaging housing, education and low-income health care. ...

Rather than bemoaning the differences between Washington, D.C., and Austin, Texas, he needs to take responsibility for creating more common ground. Nothing would help more than big doses of moderation, balance and compassionate policymaking.

Also cure what ills residents  
Journal Star, Peoria, Ill.

The father in your neighborhood who developed Lou Gehrig's disease at age 33 called a Social Security check if he can no longer work. So do the young mother disabled by multiple sclerosis, the 55-year-old former hospital aide whose back gave out after too many years of lifting patients, and the 22-year-old with Christopher Reeve's limitations but not his money.

You might call individuals such as these the silent minority of Social Security recipients. Unable to work when things get lean, often burdened by high medical (and sometimes by high caretaking) bills, sometimes raising children, too young to have invested much, they may be the program's most vulnerable. As the nation ponders the future of Social Security, we need to hear, and to talk, much more about them. ...

Yet the disability side of the Social Security program has been largely forgotten in our obsession with the retirement side.

As this suggests, nothing about Social Security reform is simple. There is great risk of hurting badly those struck down early, before they have a chance to rely in what Wall Street might endow. No reform should pass, or be proposed, that shortchanges the most vulnerable.

New telecom plan should stay  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

With radio shock-jock Howard Stern charging (the Jan. 21) announcement that Michael Powell is resigning, the Federal Communications Commission chairman's

15 minutes in the public spotlight appears to be nearing its end. But it won't be Powell's tussle with Stern over potty-mouthed, on-air performances — nor his agency's crack-down after Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" — that forms his legacy.

Rather, it is Powell's policymaking across a range of mind-numbingly complex communications issues that are noteworthy.

When he was right — as on promoting an unfettered Internet, and online phone and wireless services — he was a trailblazer. When wrong — as when Powell championed misguided media mergers and a backward step on local phone competition — he was far off-base. ...

Powell leaves in March. His successor doesn't have to achieve the same high profile, much less prompt a Stern rant. An ear for consumers' concerns on all telecom issues — at least as attentive as the FCC under Powell has been to industry — will be welcome change enough.

Reconfigure reservist equation  
The Buffalo (N.Y.) News

The "wave of steel" that rolled through the Iraqi desert is corrugating in the swamp of occupation and insurgency, and America's civilian soldiers are paying a high price for that. With reserves now making up 40 percent of American Army forces in Iraq and Kuwait — and heading toward 50 percent — the Pentagon's Army Reserve chief is right to warn that this force could soon be broken.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld owes the country and its servicemembers an explanation for that disproportionate commitment of reserve forces, instead of better redeployment of the nation's sizable active-duty military force. While today's reserves are better trained and equipped than their predecessors, Rumsfeld's refusal to admit a need for more active-duty deployments is placing a huge burden on the nation's part-time soldiers. ...

The demands being made on reservists already are hurting recruitment and retention, making it more difficult for these units to meet their mandated missions. Worse, the inability to retain soldiers could lead to less-experienced, less-capable units being sent in harm's way.

There simply is no excuse for the fact that reservists, despite being as well trained as any in this country's history, make up nearly half the Army in the Middle East. ...

America's combination of volunteer regular forces and skilled reserves has been a good one, but this administration's miscalculations in Iraq have now put it at risk.

Schiaivo's fate not state's call  
The Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Fla.

[Florida Gov. Jeb] Bush dangerously involved the state in the dispute over Terri Schiaivo's life. That dispute isn't over, but thanks to the U.S.'s Supreme Court, the state is out of it.

On Monday, the justices declined to hear the governor's appeal of September's unanimous Florida Supreme Court ruling that struck down "Terri's Law."

Facing pressure from groups opposed to abortion and physician-assisted suicide, legislators wrote "Terri's Law" strictly for Ms. Schiaivo, and the governor signed it. In so doing, the legislative and executive branches unconstitutionally tried to block an order by the judicial branch that they didn't like.

Ms. Schiaivo's case got into the courts because she, like many Floridians, did not have a living will. If the Legislature wishes to change the state's death-and-dying laws to address such cases, the Legislature can do so. But that will be a different debate. ...

There is almost certainly no satisfying outcome to the tragedy that has become the Terri Schiaivo case but, because of the state Supreme Court and now the U.S. Supreme Court, it at least may be an isolated case.

Graner still doesn't get it  
The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch

The conviction and 10-year sentence for U.S. Army Spc. Charles Graner Jr., ringleader of the prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, should make clear that the United States has not abandoned common decency in the effort to eradicate terrorism.

Graner's sentence also reduces his rank to private and orders him dishonorably discharged from the military after he completes his sentence.

He was found guilty of beating prisoners, ordering them stripped naked and stacked into pyramids, forcing them into simulated sex acts and photographing them.

The harsh punishment is suitable for a soldier who still has demonstrated little understanding that his actions disgraced the Army and the nation.

## YOUR MONEY

## Combat pay, IRAs and other tax changes

BY MARY DEIBEL

Scraps Howard News Service

**WASHINGTON** — While most breaks will go to big corporations, individual taxpayers and small-business owners also will benefit this tax season from the latest changes in the federal tax law. Changes include:

■ **State and local sales tax deductions.** For the first time, taxpayers who itemize can choose to deduct their state and local sales tax instead of state and local income tax.

The decision is a no-brainer for taxpayers from Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming — states with no general income tax — but the decision is less clear for taxpayers elsewhere.

To see if you benefit, even if you didn't save sales receipts last year, the Internal Revenue Service has put out Publication 600. It has state sales tax tables on pages 3 to 5 and an updated version of Publication 600 is posted on the [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) Web site to reflect sales tax changes in Arkansas, California and Virginia.

IRS Publication 600 also has a worksheet on which you figure

city and county local-option sales tax on lines 2a through 2d.

Big spenders should start saving their sales receipts to document items like cars, trucks, RVs, boats and airplanes that may be subject to special state and local sales taxes over and above the general sales tax rate. Sales taxes for home construction and remodeling also warrant saving receipts.

If you move from a high-income state to one that relies on sales tax, you cannot claim both the income and or sales tax deductions, but must choose between them, the IRS says. To figure which option leaves you better off, pro-rate the number of days you spent at each place, divided by 365 — the number of days in 2004 — and apportion sales tax versus income-tax rates accordingly.

■ **Car donations.** These face tighter rules if made on or after Jan. 1. If you got under the wire last year, the old tax law lets you claim the Blue Book value depending on the condition of a donated vehicle worth less than \$5,000. If the car was worth more, you need a formal appraisal to satisfy the IRS. Starting in 2005, how-

ever, you can claim only what the qualified tax-exempt charity received for selling your car, which may be auctioned for little money to a chop shop for parts.

■ **Child tax credits.** These credits will stay at an annual maximum of \$1,000 a child through 2010.

The credit cuts the amount of income tax parents owe dollar for dollar, and because the credit is "refundable," the credit will let some lower-income workers wipe out their tax bill AND provide them with a refund.

The tax credit may be more generous to some families although it cannot exceed \$1,000 a child. IRS Forms 1040 and 1040A include a Child Credit Worksheet, and parents also must include IRS Form 8812 to figure the credit.

■ **Combat pay.** Combat pay isn't subject to federal income tax but can count as 2004 income for military families figuring the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Ordinarily, both credits depend on taxable income. Including combat pay for purposes of figuring tax credits ensures that low-income military families qualify.

■ **Contingent fees.** Court judgments to lawyers for victims of discrimination aren't taxable to the victim anymore. Standard agreements for lawyers who take a bias case generally have the fees paid directly to the lawyer without the victim seeing that money, but the IRS fought all the way to the Supreme Court to make the victim, as well as the lawyer pay income tax on the fee. Congress disagreed and clarified the law.

■ **Teachers.** Teachers can deduct \$250 for classroom supplies under a tax break Congress renewed for 2004 and 2005 returns. Out-of-pocket expenses for chalk, books, computer software and other supplies bought by Dec. 31, 2004, can be claimed as an above-the-line deduction even if you don't itemize.

■ **Retirement accounts.** Contributions increase for 2005. For tax-sheltered 401(k)-style accounts, it's too late if you didn't max out on 2004 contribution levels up to \$13,000, plus \$3,000 more for workers 50 and older. But those limits increased Jan. 1 to \$14,000 plus \$4,000 more for those 50 and older.

Individual Retirement Account contributions, available for your

2004 tax return for contributions made through April 15, also increased. Your 2004 contributions, for both traditional tax-deferred IRAs and Roth IRAs, is \$3,000 plus \$500 more for taxpayers 50 and older.

For 2005, IRA limits are \$4,000 with a \$500 catch-up for those 50 and above.

■ **Tsunami relief.** Taxpayers who contribute tsunami aid to qualified domestic charities can do so with cash, check or credit card through Jan. 31, and claim the deduction on their 2004 taxes under Congress' first bill of 2005. But you cannot give in-kind contributions, appreciated stock or non-cash gifts for a 2004 tax deduction.

IRS Publication 78 offers guidance on qualified U.S. charities, as do the [www.GuidesTar.org](http://www.GuidesTar.org) and Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance [www.give.org](http://www.give.org) Web sites.

■ **Small business breaks.** Small business owners won an extension of the Section 179 "instant" deduction allowance for investing \$100,000 in equipment and computer software through 2007, with the deduction adjusted for inflation starting in 2005. The post-9/11 tax break was to expire Dec. 31, 2004.

## iPod shuffle: Small in size, packed with performance

BY RON HARRIS

The Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Since Apple Computer Inc. introduced the iPod in 2001, competitors have been scrambling to match the simplicity and style of the popular digital music player. But try as they might, the original just keeps getting better.

The latest flavor, the diminutive iPod Shuffle, proves that fewer bells and whistles can be just as good as more.

Unlike previous models, it uses flash memory instead of a hard drive. It's also much more compact. And, starting at \$99, much less expensive.

And despite the absence of a display to tell you what's playing, the Shuffle's ease of use is unrivaled. It's also a solid performer with sounds that hold up against most other flash memory-based MP3 players you'll find on store shelves.

The iPod shuffle weighs less than my watch, is smaller than a pack of Trident gum and can hold 120 songs on the 512-megabyte model (\$99) and twice as much on the 1-gigabyte model (\$149).

Visually, it's little more than a small white stick with a USB plug on one end and a headphone jack on the other. Tracks are navigated with buttons that are arranged to resemble the familiar iPod click wheel.

There's no docking cradle. No bulky battery pack. No AC adapter.

There's really not much here except the best portable music player for the money. Paired with Apple's popular online music store — 250 million songs downloaded and counting as of Monday — this iPod shuffle could be just the low-priced entry-level player that would get the sidelines been waiting for.

The installation disc includes the latest version of iTunes music management software. Once you've got that on your computer (Windows or Mac) you

simply plug the Shuffle's USB plug directly into an available USB port on your computer and up pops your music collection, ripe for the shuffling.

And herein lies the feature that may change the way I listen to music. At the click of a new button called "Autofill" on the iTunes interface, the software automatically loads the shuffle with a random selection from my digital music library.

It was a bit of a personal revelation when I first autotuned the lousier 512 MB model from my hearty music folder. The result? Too much Insane Clown Posse and not enough Andres Segovia. The Shuffle also grabbed some lengthy drum 'n' bass mix tracks which ate up a bit too much space.

If you're not sure you want a random mix, you can upload a specific order of songs and the unit will play them nicely. If you change your mind and want them shuffled, a sliding switch on the back of the unit will do the trick instantly.

Also on the backside of the shuffle is a battery status check light: green means plenty, amber means low and red means you don't have much juice left. No light means no power.

The specs say the Shuffle's rechargeable battery, juiced up by plugging it into a computer's USB port, will last for 12 hours. It takes about 4 hours for a full charge.

After at least 3 hours of use upon first filling the Shuffle with music, I never dipped into the amber level once.

But there are some drawbacks. Since there's no LCD screen on the Shuffle, there's really no way to navigate to a particular track without memorizing the order and clicking through them. That might be a bummer for some who want quick access to a particular song. Otherwise, there's little fault to find here. For those looking for simplicity and ultra-portability, less can be more.



The iPod shuffle is a compact and less-expensive version of the regular-sized iPod shown here. Attached to this iPod is the Simpli A1, a small but powerful amplifier that clips onto the back. The Simpli A1, from Simpli Acoustics, costs \$149; reviewers say it does the job well.







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## AFN TV & Radio

### Sunday

**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-Golf:** Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, fourth round (d).  
**AFN-Atlantic, 1 p.m.-Winter X Games (d).**  
**AFN-Sports, 1 p.m.-College football:** Senior Bowl (d).  
**AFN-Sports, 1 p.m.-Tennis:** Australian Open men's final (d).  
**AFN-Sports and Radio, 1 p.m.-NBA:** Houston at Miami.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 7:30 p.m.-College basketball:** Michigan at Purdue.  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.-NFL:** Arena Football League game, Indians vs. TBO.  
**AFN-Pacific, 9:30 p.m.-College basketball:** Washington at Arizona.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 9:30 p.m.-College basketball:** Connecticut at Notre Dame.

### Monday

**AFN-Sports, 12:30 a.m.-NBA:** Milwaukee at Cleveland.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.-Winter X Games (d).**  
**AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.-Motorcycle racing:** The World Supercross GP of San Francisco (d).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-Golf:** Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, final round (d).  
**AFN-Sports, 1:30 p.m.-College basketball:** Georgia Tech at Maryland (d).  
**AFN-Sports, 3:30 p.m.-College basketball:** Virginia Tech at Duke (d).  
**AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-Boxing:** HBO World Championship Boxing, Arturo Gatti (38-0) vs. Jesse James (47-0-2) for WBC super lightweight championship.

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## Pro football

### NFL playoffs

**Wild-card Playoffs, Saturday, Jan. 8**  
St. Louis 27, Seattle 20  
N.Y. Jets 20, San Diego 17, OT  
Cincinnati 31, Indianapolis 14  
Indianapolis 49, Denver 24  
Minnesota 31, Green Bay 24  
**Divisional Playoffs, Saturday, Jan. 9**  
Pittsburgh 20, N.Y. Jets 17, OT  
Oakland 47, St. Louis 27  
Philadelphia 27, Cincinnati 27  
New England 20, Indianapolis 3  
**Conference Championships, Sunday, Jan. 23**  
Pittsburgh 27, Atlanta 10  
New England 41, Philadelphia 27  
**Super Bowl, Sunday, Jan. 26**  
Jacksonville 36, Philadelphia 15  
**Championship, Sunday, Jan. 26**  
Philadelphia vs. New England

## Tennis

### Australian Open

**Saturday**  
**At Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia**  
Purse: \$14.5 million (Grand Slam)  
**Surface: Hard-Outdoor**  
**Single Women**  
**Champion's 5**  
Serena Williams (7), United States, d. Lindsay Davenport (1), United States, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.  
**Doubles Men**  
**Champion's 5**  
Wayne Black and Kevin Ullyett (5), Zimbabwe, d. Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, 6-4, 6-4.  
**Mixed Semifinals**  
Kevin Ullyett, Zimbabwe, and Liezel Huber (4), South Africa, d. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Martina Navratilova (7), United States, 6-2, 6-7, 6-8.

## College basketball

### AP Men's Top 25 schedule

**Saturday's games**  
No. 1 Illinois vs. Minnesota  
No. 3 North Carolina vs. Virginia Tech  
No. 4 Syracuse at No. 20 Pittsburgh  
No. 5 Wake Forest vs. Miami  
No. 6 Kansas vs. No. 16 Texas  
No. 7 Kentucky at Arkansas  
No. 8 Boston College vs. Georgetown  
No. 11 Arizona vs. Washington State  
No. 12 Louisville at Tulane  
No. 13 Arizona at Iowa State  
No. 14 Alabama vs. Georgia  
No. 15 Mississippi State vs. Oakland, Mich.  
No. 17 Gonzaga vs. Portland  
No. 18 Wisconsin at Penn State  
No. 21 Cincinnati vs. Houston  
No. 23 Iowa vs. Indiana  
No. 24 Mississippi State at LSU  
**Friday's men's games**  
**EAST**  
American U. 68, Bucknell 59  
Emory 69, Brown 50  
Bates 71, Connecticut Col. 48  
Dartmouth 52, Princeton 52  
Fairfield 82, Cincinnati 65  
Hobart 69, Vassar 69  
Holy Cross 74, Lafayette 57

Lehigh 63, Marist 85  
Mount St. U. 81, Butler-Scott 56  
NYU 62, Chicago 51  
Navy 62, Colgate 71  
St. John's 69, St. Lawrence 61  
New Paltz 76, Geneseo 57, OT  
Gene 69, Yale 41  
Pitt-Greensburg 69, Pitt-Bradford 65  
St. Francis 69, St. Buffalo 51  
Rochester Tech 71, Oneonta 59  
Siddons 69, St. Lawrence 61  
St. John Fisher 70, Ithaca 45  
St. Vincent 69, St. Lawrence 61  
Trinity, Conn. 76, Colby 68, OT  
Union, N.Y. 66, Clarkson 56  
Clark 71, St. John's 53, OT  
Washington, Mo. 53, Brandeis 62  
**SOUTH**  
Clemson 68, Rose-Hulman 69  
Emory 68, McKelvey-Mellon 85  
Georgia Tech 52, Duke 66  
Kentucky Christian 100, Free Will Baptist 64  
**Midwest**  
Belmont 68, Lake Forest 64  
Black Hills 51, St. John's-Huron 67  
Buena Vista 54, Luther 59  
Carroll, Wisc. 133, Grinnell 111  
Cornell, Iowa 54, Cent. Iowa 45  
Cort 72, St. Dakota Tech 65  
Duquesne 84, Coe 80, OT  
Jamestown 81, Mayville 56  
Knox 39, St. Norbert 76  
Lawrence 70, Monmouth, Ill. 69  
Mary 81, Valley City 54, 69  
Nebraska-Kearney 88, Prep 65  
Northwestern, Minn. 63, Minn.-Morris 55  
Rochester 87, Fairleigh 72, OT  
**West. St., Colo. 72, Adams 56, OT**

## Friday's women's scores

**EAST**  
Alvernia 76, Rosemont 59  
American U. 56, Bucknell 53  
Bates 71, Connecticut Col. 48  
Bowdoin 66, Amherst 62  
Brookfield 69, Oneonta 61  
Duke 83, Princeton 62  
Charlotte 61, Tufts 51  
Cabrini 69, Brattle 55  
Colgate 64, Navy 53  
Cortland 54, Oswego 52, 64  
Clarkson 69, Columbia 49  
Fredonia 52, Ithaca Tech 47  
Jefferson 69, New Paltz 47  
Hartwick 69, Rochester Tech 39  
Harvard 70, Cornell 51  
Holy Cross 70, Lafayette 48  
Marist 65, Canisius 62  
NYU 61, Chicago 60  
St. Francis 70, St. Peter's 54  
Penn 53, Yale 40  
St. Francis 69, Pitt-Bradford 69  
Pembroke Wesleyan 88, St. Vincent 75  
St. Vincent 75, St. Lawrence 61  
St. Bonaventure 48, Massachusetts 35  
St. Francis 69, St. Lawrence 61  
St. Lawrence 64, Skidmore 33  
St. Francis 54, Clark 56  
St. Lawrence 64, Nazareth, N.Y. 41  
Wesleyan, Conn. 74, Tufts 62  
Clarkson 69, Middle Allen 51  
**SOUTH**  
Baptist Bible, Pa. 71, Newport News 67, OT  
Cort 72, Rose-Hulman 61  
East Carolina 53, Southern 56, 67  
Emory 76, Carnegie-Mellon 48  
Hendrix 74, Oglethorpe 69  
Kentucky Christian 102, Free Will Baptist 30  
Longwood 54, Texas-Pan American 66  
Louisville 75, Memphis 68  
Virginia, Virginia Tech 67  
Virginia Union 72, Virginia 63  
**MIDWEST**  
Buena Vista 84, Luther 79  
Carroll, Wisc. 73, Grinnell 61  
Case Reserve 65, Rochester 57  
Cent. Iowa 85, Cornell 69, 10  
DePaul 85, UAB 52  
Lawrence 68, Morningside 51  
Marquette 67, South Dakota 61  
Northwestern, Minn. 63, Minn.-Morris 55  
Regis 76, Nebraska-Kearney 54  
St. Dakota Tech 71, Dakota 57  
Saint Louis 49, Cincinnati 47  
St. Francis 77, Black Hills 51, St. 60  
St. Norbert 66, Knox 66  
Valley City 54, St. 65, Mar 62, 50  
**FAR WEST**  
Adams 52, 68, Western St. 50, 57  
Colorado St. 67, Wyoming 51  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Duke 56, Slovak Republic 54

## Golf

**Hope Classic**  
**Friday**  
**Quinta, Calif.**  
Purse: \$1.7 million  
**PGA West (Palmer Course), 6,300 yards**  
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**La Quinta Country Club, 7,060 yards**  
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SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 36

## Deals

## Friday's transactions

## BASEBALL

## Major League Baseball

**MLB**—Elected John Henry and John Moores to the executive council.

## American League

**CHICAGO WHITE SOX**—Designated RHP Jason Griggs for assignment.

**CLEVELAND INDIANS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Paul Shuey on a minor league contract.

**FLORIDA TWINS**—Agreed to terms with OF Andres Rios on a minor league contract.

**NEW YORK YANKEES**—Agreed to terms with LHP Danny Borrell, INF Homer Bush, INF Jumbo Cosmos, C Jose Parrish, OF Doug Glavine, OF Noah Hall, C Ryan Hankins, INF Jose Johnson, C Jose Parrish, OF Collin Porco, C Irvil Rios, INF Damian Rios, C Omar Soto, RHP Aaron Small, J.R. Mark, RHP Sprol, RHP Marc Valdes, OF Mike Vento and RHP Brad Voyles on minor league contracts.

**TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Brian Stokes, C Toby Hall and SS Julio Lopez on one-year contracts. Sent RHP John Webb outright to Durham of the IL.

## National League

**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Jim Canty, RHP Casey Dalgle, RHP Brandon Medders, LHP Shane Nance, RHP Phil Stockman, C Crisp Anderson, C Juan Bero, C Corey Myers, C Alan Zinter, INF Andy Green, INF Sergio Santos, OF Doug Mawrey, OF Connor Jackson and OF Carlos Quentin on minor league contracts.

**ATLANTA BRAVES**—Agreed to terms with RHP Jay Powell on a minor league contract.

**NEW YORK METS**—Agreed to terms with LHP Mike Matthews on a minor league contract.

## BASKETBALL

## National Basketball Association

**BOSTON CELTICS**—Placed F Al Jefferson on the injured list. Activated J Justin Reid from the injured list.

**LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS**—Activated F Chris Wilcox from the injured list.

**NEW JERSEY NETS**—Claimed C Elden Campbell off waivers from Utah.

**NEW ORLEANS HORNETS**—Placed G Baron Davis on the injured list. Signed G Junior Hamilton to a 10-day contract.

**NEW YORK KNICKS**—Placed G Allen Houston on the injured list. Activated G-F Antwan Davis and G Mookie Norris from the injured list.

**PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS**—Suspended F Doreen two games for an on-court detrimental to the team and its personnel.

## FOOTBALL

**DALLAS COWBOYS**—Fired Jim Jeffcoat, defensive ends coach.

**GREEN BAY PACKERS**—Named Jeffery Bennett running backs coach. Signed LB Ike Eki.

**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**—Named Jimmy Bland running backs coach and Willy Robinson senior defensive assistant coach.

**NEW YORK JETS**—Named Jeremy Bates quarterbacks coach.

**TENNESSEE TITANS**—Named Ray Sherman wide receivers coach.

## SOCCER

**D.C. UNITED**—Re-signed D Mike Petke.

**KANSAS CITY WIZARDS**—Signed D Nick Garcia and MF Sasha Vignato to multiyear contracts.

**LOS ANGELES GALAXY**—Signed MF Peter Vagenas to a multiyear contract.

**SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES**—Signed D Craig Walcott.

## COLLEGE

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN**—Announced the resignation of Larry Anderson, athletic director.

**INDIANA STATE**—Named Charley Moore offensive coordinator, associate head coach and quarterbacks coach. Also named offensive coordinator, Jack Cooper wide receivers coach. David Hutchins offensive line coach. Recruiting coordinator. Nathaniel Seward defensive backs coach. Paul Mackey defensive line coach. Defensive backs coordinator and safeties coach. Todd Mackey defensive line coach and Antonio Banks cornerbacks coach. Announced women's basketball coach.

**MESA STATE, COLO.**—Suspended senior F Lou Lardieri and C Melvin Smith for F Amber Kirschner and sophomore G Emily Steale indefinitely from the women's basketball team for violating school rules.

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE**—Named Marc Vignato offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

**NOTRE DAME**—Named Jim Kubinski men's soccer coach.

**OKLAHOMA STATE**—Named Mike Gundy football coach.

**QUINNIPAC**—Named Darci Santella assistant softball coach.

**SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE**—Announced the resignation of Dennis Masl, women's basketball coach.

**WORCESTER STATE**—Named Christian Battaglia men's soccer coach.

## Serena rallies to win seventh major title

Williams comes back against Davenport in Australian Open women's final

BY PAUL ALEXANDER

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Serena Williams was losing and in pain, wincing on almost every swing. Her shots lacked their usual gusto. Her hopes for a seventh Grand Slam title appeared doomed.

Then, with a little help from the trainer, the woman who calls herself the toughest fighter in tennis started getting her power back. And it was top-ranked Lindsay Davenport who was in trouble.

Williams rallied for a 2-6, 6-3, 6-0 victory in the Australian Open final Saturday for her first Grand Slam title in 18 months.

She also extended her winning streak in this event to 14 matches.

In Sunday's men's final — the first at night — third-seeded Lleyton Hewitt will face fourth-seeded Marat Safin, who is in his third final in four years at Melbourne Park but has yet to win one.

The Russian ended Roger Federer's 26-match winning streak in the semifinals, while Hewitt beat second-seeded Andy Roddick.

Davenport won short early. The match was a little more than a minute off and she had Williams running from side to side.

"I reached for a backhand and I think it tweaked my back out, one of my ribs out," said Williams, who will jump to No. 2 in the rankings.

Injuries had played a part in Williams' fall from the top spot, and it looked as if her health would fail her again Saturday.

"I said: This is not happening again," she said.

She tried to play through the pain.

"I never, ever think that I have to give up, in the most dire situations," Williams said. Still, "For the next few games I was completely out of it. I had to adjust."

Williams was down 4-1 when she asked for help.

"I finally decided, 'OK, why don't you call for the trainer and see if she can put it back in place?"

She did, and everything worked out," Williams said.

It wasn't quite that simple. Although Williams started to loosen up, Davenport went on to win the first set. The turning point came as Williams served at 2-2 in the second. Appearing tired to be on the verge of smashing her racket, she fended off six break points to hold.

"I was serving so many balls my arm was hurting," Williams recalled. "I kept thinking 'I'm not losing this game. I don't care if my arm falls off.'"

A tiebreaker loomed as Davenport served at 3-4, 40-40. Two double-faults and a couple of other errors later, and it was 5-3.

Davenport never had another chance, losing the next nine games and winning only eight points in the third set.

"I felt like I was playing well and in control pretty much of the match," Davenport said. "Then I just had that horrible lapse ... and opened up the door for her. She's just kept going through it."

"At the end I think I was a little bit fatigued. But she took advantage of it and kept going — she's a great front-runner when she gets going."

Steady morning rain forced the roof at Rod Laver Arena to close for the 10th all-American women's final in the Australian Open.

In the men's doubles championship, Zimonovic's Wayne Black and Kevin Ullyett beat American twins Bob and Mike Bryan 6-4, 6-4. It was the second Grand Slam title for Black and Ullyett, who won the 2001 U.S. Open.

In mixed doubles, Martina Navratilova, 48, and Max Mirnyi of Belarus lost their semifinal to Ullyett and Lieke Huber of South Africa 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (8). Navratilova, 31 in doubles and nine in mixed, doubled.

Williams reached the final by staying off three match points in a semifinal victory over Maria Sharapova on Thursday.

With her Grand Slam drought



Serena Williams leaves Melbourne with her seventh trophy from a Grand Slam event, and her first in 18 months, after a 2-6, 6-3, 6-0 victory over Lindsay Davenport in the Australian Open on Saturday.

over, Williams started talking about winning an eighth major and regaining the No. 1 spot. The French Open is next, and a victory there would give her two titles in each of the four majors.

Williams won her first Australian Open when she beat sister Venus in the top of her two years ago when the Williams sisters were in the final of women's tennis — but couldn't defend the title last year because of a knee injury.

Working through a series of injuries and the shooting death of

her sister, Yvetunde Price, in September 2003, took a toll on Serena Williams last year.

She said regaining the Australian title was the start of a resurgence.

"This gives me confidence," she said.

After Davenport's backhand landed long on match point, Williams dropped to one knee and raised both arms. She hopes this title will end talk of the demise of the Williams sisters.

"There's nothing wrong with us," she said. "We're still players to beat."

## Sosa: Orioles were outbid for Pavano, Delgado

SOSA, FROM BACK PAGE

The New York Mets were initially thought to be the best bet because general manager Omar Minaya signed Sosa when he was a teenager in the Dominican Republic. But the Mets won the bidding for Carlos Beltran two weeks ago, and two Mets officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity said they were not involved with Sosa trade talks this week.

Baltimore's interest intensified after the Orioles lost out on Carlos Delgado earlier this week. Baltimore offered Delgado \$48 million over four years, but the slugger took a \$52 million, four-year deal from the Florida Marlins instead.

After finishing 78-84 in 2004,

their seventh straight losing season, the Orioles entered the off-season seeking to add a front-line starting pitcher and a cleanup hitter. They courted pitcher Carl Pavano, who signed with the New York Yankees, and their failure to secure Delgado means their first free agent signing so far this winter is reliever Steve Kline.

Beattie and Flanagan were under extra pressure to improve the club because of the potential competition for fans with the Nationals. The addition of Sosa would give the Orioles a marketable star.

Trading Sosa might prompt the Cubs to attempt to sign Magglio Ordonez, the last remaining top free agent. Ordonez, who starred for the Chicago White Sox, has been in negotiations with Detroit.

Sosa has 574 home runs, seventh on the career list, and his home run pace with Mark McGwire in 1998 made him one of the game's most popular players. With an infectious smile, home runs and heart plays, he became Chicago's favorite athlete after Michael Jordan retired. In all those dark years when the Cubs struggled, Sosa and his jaw-dropping homers were the lone bright spots.

But Sosa's relations with the Cubs — and the fans — soured in recent years. Hampered by injuries, he's batted only .266 the last two seasons and his homer totals have dropped. Last season, Sosa batted only .253 — his lowest average since 1997 — and hit 35 homers and 80 RBIs in 126 games,

ending his run of 100-RBI seasons at nine.

The breaking point came when he skipped out on the final game of last season. He criticized manager Dusty Baker the next day, with Sosa saying all the blame was put on him for the Cubs' failures. In a later interview, Sosa said he was humiliated by being dropped to sixth in the batting order.

While Cubs General Manager Jim Hendry, Baker and Cubs players insisted at last week's Cubs convention that Sosa's presence wouldn't be a disruption to the team, fans weren't buying it. When his image appeared on a video, there was a loud chorus of boos.

AP Sports Writers Nancy Amour in St. Louis and Dave Kaval in Baltimore contributed to this report.

# Mannheim, Hanau stay unbeaten

## Vilseck escapes with narrow victory over host Bitburg

Stars and Stripes

The Mannheim Bison and Hanau Panthers stayed unbeaten in the Division II race on Friday night, but by far from comfortable margins.

In Mannheim, Germany, the Bison needed overtime to turn back Black Forest Academy 45-40, while Vaihingen, Germany, visiting Hanau outscored Patch 17-14 in the final eight minutes to claim a 60-57 victory.

Black Forest's Ken Reed, who had 16 points and 15 rebounds, made a late basket to force overtime against Mannheim. But the Bison, who got 13 points and three key blocks by Reggie Jenkins and 12 points, 11 rebounds and four steals from Earl Lee, righted the ship in overtime to improve to 3-0 in Division II (7-2 overall).

The Bison are on the road next Friday and Saturday at AFNORTH and SHAPE, and, on paper at least, are solid bets to return unbeaten in conference play for a Feb. 11 showdown at Hanau.

Hanau, which recovered from a 21-16 third-quarter run by Patch, has a tougher road ahead than Mannheim. The Panthers, 4-0 in Division II, are scheduled to play at Vilseck (3-1) on Friday and Saturday.

In other games of note on Friday and Saturday:

**Vilseck escapes in Bitburg:** At Bitburg, Germany, the host Barons missed two free throws that would have tied the game at the end of regulation and allowed Vilseck to escape with a 48-46 Division II victory.

Jamaal Johnson led Vilseck with 18 points as the Falcons rallied from a 26-15 halftime deficit and improved their Division II record to 3-1 going into this week-end's games against Hanau.

**Lions shatter Lancers:** At RAF Lakenheath, England, five-time defending European Division I champion Heidelberg outclassed Lakenheath twice to set up a Tuesday night showdown in Heidelberg against unbeaten Kaiserslautern.

K-town was idle this weekend. Tyreke Wesley scored 15 points in Friday night's 48-7 40-point courtesy-rule triumph, and T.C. Blanks connected for 21 on Saturday as the Lions won 76-45 and improved to 8-2.

**Brussels moves into III-North:** At High Wycombe, England, Jacob Williams struck for 20 points and nine rebounds to lead visiting Brussels to a 50-41 victory over London Central.

Brussels improved to 4-5 overall and 2-2 in league play, with only home games against Alconbury remaining on its league schedule.

Central is 3-1 in III-North with games at Menwith Hill as the only III-North games remaining on its schedule.



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Wiesbaden's Thomas Lawler grabs a rebound during a DODDS high school basketball game against SHAPE on Friday night in Wiesbaden, Germany. Wiesbaden defeated SHAPE 77-61.

Both teams play nonconference games next. Brussels is to host Baumholder of III-South on Friday and Saturday; London Central plays Rota on Saturday at Alconbury.

**Cougars, Barons stay perfect in III-South:** At Hofenheim, Germany, Ansbach and Bamberg each kept their III-South records intact by claiming victories over

the homestanding Tigers.

All-Europe star Russell Bailey scored 31 points in Ansbach's 64-49 victory on Friday that boosted the Cougars to 6-2 overall and 5-0 in III-South.

On Saturday, Bamberg visited Hofenheim and came away with a 55-48 victory that left the Barons (2-6) 2-0 in league play. Miguel Lozada scored 12 points and snared 12 rebounds to lead Bam-

berg.

Bamberg has road games at Giessen this weekend before hosting Baumholder on Feb. 11 and 12. It closes the regular season with home-and-home games against Ansbach.

Next up for Ansbach is a league game against visiting Hofenheim on Friday night. The Cougars then face D-II foes on Saturday and Feb. 11-12.



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SHAPE's Ashley McGee goes up for a shot against Wiesbaden on Friday night in Wiesbaden, Germany. Wiesbaden won 52-27.

## McGee lifts SHAPE in overtime

Stars and Stripes

MANNHEIM, Germany — Ashley McGee's three-pointer in overtime was the game-winner Saturday as SHAPE earned its first victory of the season, 21-19 against Black Forest Academy in a game played in Mannheim, Germany.

McGee (12 points) and Devina Marquez (nine) provided all the scoring for the Lady Spartans, who didn't score a point in the fourth quarter. SHAPE takes a 1-3 Division II record into its next game, a home contest next Saturday against Division II co-leader Mannheim.

In other games of note on Friday and Saturday:

**Ramstein sweeps ISB:** At Ramstein, Germany, Corinne Lauture scored 17 points and Krissy Grosselin 13 as Ramstein roared back from a 35-27 third-quarter deficit to nip the International School of Brussels and complete a two-game sweep.

Grosselin, a three-time All-Europe guard who scored 20 points in Ramstein's 48-34 triumph on Friday night, grabbed 13 rebounds in Saturday's game for the Lady Royals (7-3).

ISB fell to 6-4.

**Lady Lancers, Heidelberg split:** At RAF Lakenheath, England, the fast-improving Heidelberg Lady Lions rode a 20-point second quarter to a 48-47 victory over defending European Division I champion Lakenheath on Friday.

On Saturday, Lakenheath outscored Heidelberg 21-9 in the first quarter and rolled to a 56-33 victory.

Ebony Morris, who had 16 points and 18 rebounds in Friday night's loss, paced Lakenheath (6-2) on Saturday with 16 points, 10 rebounds and 10 steals.

Heidelberg takes a 5-5 record into Tuesday night's home game against unbeaten Kaiserslautern.

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**Girls basketball roundup**



## Girls: Vilseck, Baumholder, Sigonella win

**GIRLS, FROM PAGE 38**

**Sanders boosts Vilseck:** At Bitburg, Germany, Vilseck's La Porchea Sanders canned a pair of three-pointers in a 50-29 victory over AFNORTH on Friday, then came back on Saturday to sink threes in a 34-13 triumph over Bitburg.

The three-pointers were the icing on Sanders' act. She registered 26 points on Friday and 27 on Saturday as Vilseck upped its season record to 7-1 overall and 3-1 in Division II going into this weekend's showdown with visiting D-2 co-leader Hanau on Friday and Saturday.

**Schelhas breaks loose:** At Baumholder, Germany, Tish Schelhas poured in 51 points for the homestanding Lady Bucs in a pair of Division III-South victories over Giessen.

Schlehas, a second-team All-Europe choice as a sophomore last year, victimized her guests for 17 points in Friday's 50-32 romp, then torched the winless Grifins for 36 points and six steals in Saturday's 69-44 triumph.

Shawntae Price aided Baumholder's cause with 10 points on Friday and 15 on

Wiesbaden's Dominic Snyder, right, tries to score against SHAPE Friday.

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Stars and Stripes

## High school scoreboard

**SCOREBOARD. FROM PAGE 39**[illegible][illegible][illegible][illegible]

**Ramstein players and coaches congratulate Krissy Grosselin (23) after she made the game a 47-46 victory Saturday over the International School of Brussels at Ramstein, Germany.**

Saturday as the Lady Bucs evened their season record at 5-5 overall and their conference mark at 3-3.

**Lady Jags roll on:** At Sigonella, Italy, the Lady Jaguars kept their perfect season in-

tact with a pair of 40-point courtesy-rule victories over winless Marymount.

Friday, Igonena held Marymount scoreless for the second and third quarters en route to a 43-2 triumph; Saturday, the

count was 47-7.

Signonella improved to 8-0 overall and 6-0 in American Schools in Italy League play heading into this weekend's Friday night and Saturday games against Aviano.

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**Final team standings**—1, Ramstein; 2, Bitburg; 3, Brussels; 4, SHAPE; 5, AFNORTH.  
**103 pounds**—1, Trey Fortunato (Rams); 2, Ryan Singleton (Bitb); 3, Kyle McCrimmon

**112-1, Daniel Brunal (Bitb); 2, Jordan Borino (Rams); 3, Benjamin Gill (Rams).**

125-1, Noah Sheppard (Rams); 2, Steven Cote (Brus); 3, Steven Herway (Brus).

**140-1, Devon Gardner (Bitb); 2, Jose Figueroa (Rams); 3, Jamie Watts (Bitb).**

**152-1, Shawn Renaud (Bitb); 2, Matt Lane (Rams).**

249.5, Eric Popp (Brus); 2, John Fitzgerald (SHP).  
215-1, Cole Maxey (Rams); 2, Rich Rendon (Rams).

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# Hardaway helps Knicks halt skid

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Penny Hardaway watched from afar as the New York Knicks stumbled through a disastrous January.

Finally back with the team Friday after rehabbing his hamstring in his hometown of Memphis, Hardaway played a big part in helping his team end its seven-game skid.

Hardaway showed no rust in his first game in more than three weeks, making a key jumper with 36 seconds remaining to lead the Knicks to a 99-96 victory Friday night over the short-handed Cleveland Cavaliers.

After being activated from the injured list prior to the game, Hardaway finished with 12 points and was on the court for the entire fourth quarter as the Knicks held off the Cavs, who were without LeBron James (sprained ankle) for the first time this season.

"We missed him a lot. A player like that, you can't replace him," Cavs center Zydrunas Ilgauskas said.

Six days after taking over for Zyrnas Wilkens, Herb Williams gained his first victory as coach of the Knicks.

The win couldn't have come at a better time for New York, which played the final date of a four-game homestand before leaving on a six-game road trip. Another loss would have put the Knicks in jeopardy of approaching the team-record losing streak of 12 games set in 1984-85.

**Bobcats 101, Raptors 94:** Kareem Rush scored 21 points and held Charlotte figured out how to make foul shots in time to snap a 10-game losing streak.

Awnut at the free-throw line during its

## NBA roundup

**Magic 108, Wizards 101:** Hedo Turkoglu matched his career high with 31 points in the second quarter — and the Magic ended visiting Washington's four-game winning streak.

Grant Hill added 22 points and eight rebounds for Orlando, and Steve Francis made two free throws with 16.6 seconds left to seal the win. Gilbert Arenas scored 18 of his 30 in the fourth quarter for Washington, but missed five of seven free throws in the final 4:02.

**Suns 128, Celtics 119:** At Boston, Amaré Stoudemire scored 42 points, Quentin Richardson added 23 and Phoenix won its fourth straight game.

Joe Johnson and Jim Jackson scored 17 points each for the Suns. Shawn Marion added 16 and Steve Nash had 13 points and 15 assists.

**Heat 106, Hawks 96:** At Atlanta, Miami's Shaquille O'Neal scored 26 points and actually made more free throws than he missed.

O'Neal finished 6-for-11 at the foul line — a major improvement over his 7-for-20 shooting in a victory at Toronto two nights earlier.

**Timberwolves 93, Jazz 91:** Kevin Garnett had 25 points and a key steal in the final minute to help host Minnesota to its fifth straight victory.

With the Timberwolves ahead 93-91,

skid, Charlotte made 17 of 19 attempts in winning for the first time since Jan. 5 against Minnesota. The Bobcats' only misses came in the final minute.

Utah was going for the tying basket when Garrett steeled Raul Lopez's outlet pass. Garnett fed a breaking Sam Cassell for a layup and a four-point lead.

**Hornets 99, 76ers 95 (OT):** At New Orleans, P.J. Brown scored six of his season-high 20 points in overtime, and had 10 rebounds for the Hornets.

Dan Dickau had 19 points and a career-high 16 assists, setting up two mid-range jumpers by Brown in overtime.

The 76ers were without NBA-leading scorer Allen Iverson, sitting out a second straight game with a strained left shoulder.

**Kings 117, Rockets 111 (OT):** At Houston, Curtis Webber scored 30 points, including a three-pointer to force overtime, and Sacramento beat the Houston.

Mike Bibby added 28 points and 14 assists for the Kings, who won despite playing without Peja Stojakovic for the second straight game.

**Trail Blazers 90, Clippers 86:** Damon Stoudamire had 18 of his 23 points in the second half, and held Portland rallied.

Elton Brand had 26 points and 12 rebounds for the Clippers, who have lost six straight and nine of 10 on the road. The Clippers haven't won in Portland since 1999.

**Nets 109, Lakers 103:** At Los Angeles, Vince Carter scored 18 of his 30 points in the third quarter, and Jason Kidd had 15 points and 11 assists for short-handed New Jersey.

The Lakers, coming off losses to Seattle and the Clippers, were dropped three straight for the first time since Jan. 19-22, 2004. Los Angeles is 3-4 since Kobe Bryant sprained his right ankle on Jan. 13 in a vic-



New York Knicks' Penny Hardaway shoots over Cleveland Cavaliers' Aleksandar Pavlovic (3) during the first half Friday.

tory over Cleveland.

Already missing leading scorer Richard Jefferson for the rest of the season because of a wrist injury, New Jersey dressed only eight players and used its 13th different starting lineup because of injuries to Brian Scalabrine and Jason Collins.

**SuperSonics 88, Warriors 85:** Rashard Lewis scored 24 points and hit a key jumper with 46 seconds left, and Ray Allen had 26 points for visiting Seattle.

Calbert Cheaney scored 14 of his season-high 21 points in the second quarter for the Warriors, who lost for the 13th time in 14 games.

# Bazers suspend Miles after clash with coach Cheeks

The Associated Press

**PORTLAND, Ore.** — Trail Blazers forward Darius Miles was suspended by the team for two games Friday after a verbal clash with coach Maurice Cheeks during a game session.

The Blazers suspended Miles for conduct detrimental to the team and insubordination. The Blazers were preparing for Friday night's home game against the Clippers when the punishment was handed down.

"I am disappointed that we've had this distraction to deal with today," Blazers President Steve Patterson said in a statement.

"We expect a certain behavior from everyone in our organization, and what happened yesterday is not acceptable behavior." The Trail Blazers would not comment on the nature of the confrontation, except to say there was one Thursday.

"He blew up in the film session," said Cheeks, who characterized Miles' comments as inappropriate.

Messages left for Miles' Florida-based agent, Jeff Wechsler, were not immediately returned Friday.

In a statement released by the Blazers, Miles said: "Things were said in frustration and I am sorry for that. It is very important to me that our fans understand that I am committed to winning and that the losses we have had this

season have been difficult for all of us. My entire focus when I return to the team will be on winning and helping us make a run to the playoffs."

The Blazers have previously suspended players for confrontations with Cheeks.

Bonzi Wells was suspended for one game in March 2003 for cursing at Cheeks during a practice. In November 2003, Wells was suspended for two games for a profanity-laced tirade to Cheeks on the court after he was taken out of a game at Dallas. Two weeks later, Wells was traded to Memphis.

Miles, who signed a six-year, \$48 million contract with the Blazers in the offseason, also was out Tuesday's game against the Los Angeles Lakers at the Staples Center.

Miles was not at the team's shootaround Friday morning. He recently missed eight games because of a bone bruise in his left knee.

He has appeared in 32 games this season, with 10 starts. He was averaging 12.9 points and five rebounds. Miles has not started since he was activated from the injured list.

Miles' suspension comes as the Blazers try to get past trouble with former Portland forward Qyntel Woods, who pleaded guilty to misdemeanor animal abuse last week following allegations of dog fighting.

Upon his plea, Woods was immediately waived by the Blazers, who had suspended him indefinitely without pay when the alle-

gations first surfaced in early October.

Woods has since signed with the Miami Heat.

## Nets claim Campbell off waivers

**LOS ANGELES** — The New Jersey Nets claimed center Elden Campbell off waivers on Friday, two days after he was released by the Utah Jazz.

"We're really excited that we've had the good fortune to pick up a player of his caliber," coach Lawrence Frank said before Friday night's game against the Los Angeles Lakers. "He's always been a very capable low-post scorer with a big body, and he's a big presence out there."

Campbell, a 16-year veteran who won an NBA championship last year with the Detroit Pistons, spent his first nine seasons with the Lakers before he was traded

to the Charlotte Hornets during the 1998-99 campaign. He later played for Seattle before signing with Detroit prior to last season.

"We've always had a hard time defending him because he's a skill guy — not only as a low-post scorer, but he's a good passer and he shoots it very well from 15-17 feet," Frank said. "And with the loss of Aaron Williams and Alonzo Mourning (because of the Vince Carter trade), we thought we needed some size. He helped Detroit, especially against the Lakers in the finals."

Campbell averaged 4.2 points and 2.8 rebounds in 21 games for the Pistons this season. The sleepy-eyed 7-footer was traded to Utah on Jan. 21 for point guard Carlos Arroyo and a first-round draft pick.

Campbell was hoping to clear waivers so that he could return to the Pistons. Thorn, who had to

use a \$5 million exception for the right to claim Campbell off waivers, will speak with him on the phone Saturday morning and try to convince him to prolong his career. If he declines, the Nets would lose the \$5 million regardless.

## Hornets' Davis joins injured list

**NEW ORLEANS** — The New Orleans Hornets placed Ryan Davis on the injured list Friday because of a bruised right Achilles' tendon, allowing the team to bring back point guard Junior Harrington on a 10-day contract.

Davis, who already has missed the last five games with the injury that occurred in Toronto on Jan. 16, likely will not play again until the Hornets face Golden State on Feb. 11, coach Byron Scott said.

The NBA granted an exception to New Orleans to allow Davis to be the team's fourth player on the injured list, one more than the normal maximum.

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# Karl thankful for chance to apply lessons learned

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN  
The Associated Press

George Karl had 18 months to ponder the errors he made in Milwaukee and wonder whether they'd keep him out of coaching forever.

"I was going crazy," Karl said Thursday during his introductory news conference as the head coach of the Denver Nuggets. "It's something I have a lot of respect for now, the NBA, and what a special place it is and what a special honor it is to coach in this league."

Karl's return to the sideline came Friday night in, of all places, Milwaukee, where he was fired as coach of the Bucks at the end of the 2002-03 season following a five-year stint that included a trip to the Eastern Conference finals in 2001.

His departure came in a turbulent final season after which he



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had a falling out with Ray Allen, who was eventually traded, and also butted heads with Tim Thomas, Sam Cassell and Anthony Mason — all of whom have long since departed Milwaukee, too.

"I was disappointed in the last year and a half of how things fell apart so quickly. I made mistakes with some of the players, but we are in a changing game. The players are changing, they're getting younger, their mentalities are different and I think the coaches are going to have to adjust," Karl said.

In Denver, he takes over a team that was indifferent to the pleadings of previous coach Jeff Bzdelik, who was fired Dec. 28,

and which floundered over the next four weeks under the direction of Michael Cooper.

"The opportunity in Denver is probably going to be my last stay in the NBA, I hope it is," Karl said. "I wanted to do it one more time and I think it's got a team and an athletic talent pool that can become very strong very quickly."

"What's great is that it's a different challenge for me. In Milwaukee, we had shooters. Denver is a different team, it has big guys. Everybody in the NBA wants to play small now, and Denver is messing with it. The Nuggets' best line-up might be big with Kenyon Martin at (small forward) and Carmelo (Anthony) at (shooting guard)," Karl said. "They've got guys on the bench, a very deep team. I want to push some buttons, make them feel good about who they are."

Karl ranks 13th on the career list with 708 wins and has led his teams to five division titles and 13 playoff appearances in 16 seasons. He also has experience turning around underachieving teams.

Karl helped Seattle reach the playoffs in 1991-92 after coach K.C. Jones lost his job when the team had a 20-20 record. Karl led the Sonics to three 60-win seasons in five years, including a trip to the 1996 NBA Finals.

To inspire the Nuggets, Karl will point to one of the Eastern Conference's few success stories from this season — the rise of the Chicago Bulls following an 0-9 record.

"As I told a couple of guys this morning, the Chicago Bulls six weeks ago were unhappy, distressed, pressurized, frustrated, but now they're the happiest bunch of NBA players I've seen in a long time. I'm hoping we can do that in Denver."

## Marbury's falling star

In the four weeks since Stephon Marbury declared himself the best point guard in the NBA, the New York Knicks have lost 11 of 13 games.

Each of the three teams that have traded Marbury during his career have done better immediately following his departure, and the latest post-Marbury success story has been the Phoenix Suns.

"I think Steph is a great player, but I guess sometimes you've got to change up something, do something different. Steph has always been a person who has done what he wanted, basically, and I think sometimes he might need to change up to make his teammates better," said Suns forward Shawn Marion, who was Marbury's teammate for two seasons in Phoenix as well as on the U.S. Olympic team that won a bronze medal in Athens.

Marbury's shoot-first mentality was at odds with the wishes of Olympic coach Larry Brown, and Marbury's late-game brainlock that led to a late 24-second violation in the Knicks' loss on Jan. 21 to the Houston Rockets helped seal the fate of Lenny Wilkens, who resigned the next day.

"Larry wasn't for him, and we don't know who's for him right now. I don't think Steph even knows," Marion said. "All the teams he's been on have not been the same. But the bottom line is the point guard is the person who's supposed to get the team winning, run the offense and get everyone involved. Sometimes I think he'd rather get himself going first than get his teammates going."

## Jackson trade fallout

Jim Jackson termed his refusal to join the New Orleans Hornets an investment in his future. He forfeited about \$300,000 in salary while on the Hornets' suspended list until they dealt him to Phoenix for Casey Jacobsen, Maciej Lampe and Jason Vroman.

"It's like anything you do in business, you pay for something. If you get a stock, it may not pay off until five or six years from now, but you invest that money in the hopes that it will pay off — and that's what I did," Jackson said. "At this point in my career, I'm not looking to go backward."

Phoenix is the 11th NBA team Jackson has played for, and he sees similarities between this year's Suns and the Dallas Mavericks team that included Jason Kidd and Jamal Mashburn, which he was on during the early part of his career.

Jackson is providing the Suns with a much-needed scoring threat off the bench, while Jacobsen, Lampe and Vroman have had to accept going from the team with the league's best record to the team with the worst.

"What we had going on in Phoenix was pretty special," Jacobsen said. "We won a lot of games. But that is no longer part of my basketball career and I really am excited to be here, to have an opportunity to be an important part of the offense and to play a lot of minutes."

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# American Ruggiero adds a lady's touch to men's pro hockey

BY KELLY KURT  
The Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Angela Ruggiero was ready to play some hockey, and it didn't matter that she had to mix it up with men. Ruggiero became the first woman to make more than a token appearance at a position other than goalie in a U.S. men's professional hockey game, playing defense and getting an assist Friday night for the Tulsa Oilers, who was definitely a lot of contact, but it was all clean. That's hockey," she said. "It's a rough game."

Seconds after being checked on her third shift of the night, Ruggiero responded by slamming a Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees player into the boards. At 5 feet 9 and 185 pounds, Ruggiero is known for doling out punishment in women's games, holding Harvard's season record for penalty minutes at 74. Former U.S. goalie Erin Whitten skated for 18 seconds at forward for the Colorado Avalanche's Flint Generals in 1996.

Two-time Olympian Ruggiero and her brother, Bill, the goaltender for the Oilers, made hockey history as the first brother and sister to play together in a North American pro game.

Restless and sweating following 6 minutes, 33 seconds of ice time on the first period, Ruggiero said she didn't want to stop. "I wish I could play the whole game and come back tomorrow," she said.

She gave her wish at the start of the first period when both coaches and the Central Hockey League agreed to let her return to the ice with the Oilers leading 4-0. In her last shift, she tied a pass to Jason Bernhardt, who scored in the Oilers' 7-2 victory.

Although she was in the starting lineup, the CHL originally limited Ruggiero's playing time to the first period because she was an extra on the Oilers' roster.

Ruggiero said her nerves had settled by her second shift.

Ruggiero was cheered on by a crowd packed with young girls taking advantage of free tickets. A portion of the ticket receipts benefited the American Red Cross tsunami relief fund.

But this was no exhibition. Friday night counted in the standings, and the victory kept the Oilers (22-15-3) three points out of first place in the league's Northeast Division.

"I think it's great for our momentum," said Oilers coach Bud Kaebeel, who earlier said he had no reservations about signing Ruggiero for the one-time appearance. "Her résumé speaks for itself."

The 25-year-old skater, who won gold and silver medals as a member of the 1998 and 2002 U.S. Women's Olympic teams, was the second woman to play in the league.

Whitten played four games in goal for the Dallas Freeze in 1993-94.

In 1992, Canada's Manon Rheume made history as the first woman to play in the NHL when she tended goal for the Tampa Bay Lightning in a pre-season game. Another Canadian, Hayley Wickenheiser, became the first woman to score in a men's game, getting a goal in the Finnish League in 2003. Barbara Zemann debuted at goalie for an Austrian team last year.

Ruggiero grew up playing hockey with boys, and in recent years, she's been joining her brother on summer league teams. "I'm used to getting hit," she said, a bright and intact smile betraying her participation in games she says are "a second quicker" and more physical than the women's sport.

She has never broken a bone or tooth playing hockey — her own, anyway.

In her senior year in college, Ruggiero ranked eighth in the country in scoring with 25 goals and 30 assists for Harvard. But on Friday, she focused on defense.

The tandem appearance with her brother was his idea after she skated with the team in practice during a December visit.

"There were years where we didn't even get the chance to see each other play because of our schedules," Bill Ruggiero said. "The chance to get to actually see each other and play on the same team together is so special."

When they were children in Simi Valley, Calif., their father at first signed up only Bill for youth hockey. But within a month, he was taking advantage of a family discount when Angela, and another sister, Pamela, also wanted to get on the ice.

Angela found her heroes on the Los Angeles Kings, rooting for Wayne Gretzky, Marty McSorley and Tony Granato.

"There were no women's players I knew of," she said. "I didn't even know women's hockey existed."



Phil Mickelson tees off on the 14th hole at the PGA West Palmer Course in La Quinta, Calif. Mickelson trails the leader by seven shots.

## Duke economics major stays ahead of the field

The Associated Press

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Joe Ogilvie keeps selling himself short.

After shooting a 6-under 66 Friday to go to 23-under in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, he downplayed his round.

"I got lucky, basically. The way I played, 66 was a gift," said Ogilvie, who holds a two-shot lead over Australian Peter Lonard.

A former Duke economics major who plays the market and lists among his heroes Warren Buffett and Bill Gates, Ogilvie was asked how he would rate his stock through three rounds of the five-day tournament.

"Probably overrated," he said, laughing. "I'd probably be a buyer in it was at even par, but not at 23-under."

"There's not a whole lot to go off if you're 23-under. I'd try to buy low and sell high."

Ogilvie shot 63 a day earlier and said then that, while he was leading "score-wise" with a three-shot edge over Phil Mickelson, he considered Mickelson "technically" in the lead. That was because Mickelson already had played the more difficult of the four courses used for the tournament.

Defending champion Mickelson, also the 2002 winner, wasn't in the lead technically or otherwise after 54 holes, with his 70 dropping him seven shots behind Ogilvie.

Fredrik Jacobson of Sweden remained close with a 67 that left him third at 19-under.

Craig Stadler, who won the Hope in 1980 for his first victory, moved into contention with a 65 that put him in a group with Mickelson at 16-under, seven shots behind Ogilvie.

Stadler said he probably would have skipped the Hope if his son, Kevin, wasn't also in the field. Kevin Stadler was 5-under through 54 holes.

"I think he's kind of hot that I keep scoring better than he does every day," Craig said. "I'd much rather give all my birds to him, though."

"Hopefully, he won't put six or seven (birds) together tomorrow and be good enough to make the cut."

Golf roundup

Ogilvie made much of his own luck during the third round, rolling in birdie putts of 20, 15, 25, 18 and 22 feet on his first nine holes. He began his round on the back nine at Tamarisk Country Club and made the turn in 5-under 31. He made two birdies and a bogey over his last nine holes.

"I easily could have shot 37 instead of 31," he said of the first nine, where his drives were off-target. "I could easily have bogeyed three out of my first five holes. On the back side of Tamarisk, they've got white soldiers — out-of-bounds stakes — on both sides of the fairways."

"Every time I looked up, I saw out-of-bounds stakes, so it wasn't the greatest mental picture I've ever had. But I got away with it."

Davis Love III had 11 birdies and on his way to a 61 that vaulted him from a 66th-place tie into a tie for seventh at 11-under.

David Duval shot a third-round 85. After an opening 82 and a 79 second shot, Duval is 30-over.

### Irwin leads Turtle Bay

KAHUKU, Hawaii — Hale Irwin got off to a fast start in his bid for a fifth straight victory in the Turtle Bay Championship, shooting 5-under 67 for a share of the first-round lead in the Champions Tour event.

The 59-year-old Irwin, seeking his sixth overall victory in the event, was tied with Keith Ferguson and Gil Morgan and Allen Doyle. Dana Quigley, who won the MasterCard Championship last week, was one stroke back along with Bob Glider, Wayne Lize, Jim Thorpe and Gary McCord.

Gary Player shot his age, a 69 and 69.

### Doughtery ahead in Singapore

SINGAPORE — Nick Dougherty shot a 4-under 68 Thursday to remain in first place through three rounds of the Caltech Masters.

Dougherty was two strokes ahead of defending champion Colin Montgomerie (69) and Denmark's Thomas Bjorn (67).

## Navy ends eight-game hoops slide

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — George O'Garro ignited Navy on Friday with career highs of 24 points and 11 rebounds in an 82-71 victory over Colgate that snapped an eight-game losing streak.

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O'Garro's point total was a season-high for the Midshipmen (5-14, 1-5 Patriot League), who also got 15 points and eight rebounds from Matt Famin and 13 points from David Hooper.

The Mids, which led 39-33 at halftime, went on an 11-0 run midway through the second half. It was capped by a three-pointer by David Hooper that gave them a 58-44 bulge with 9:46 to play. The Mids crossed the lead to 16 with four minutes to play.

Navy had a big advantage at the foul line, making 24 of 35 free throws while Colgate had just nine free throws. O'Garro was 10-for-13 from the line and 7-for-11 from the floor.

Navy forced 24 turnovers and tied its team-high this season with 16 assists.

Navy's top scorer this season, Laramie Mergerson, returned to the lineup after sitting out five games with a hand injury and had 9 points in 19 minutes.

Jon Simon led Colgate (8-11, 3-3) with 15 points.

### Lehigh blows out Army

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Nick Monsere scored 20 points and Jose Olivero added 19 points and 11 rebounds as Lehigh beat Army 63-45 on Friday night.

Lehigh (10-9, 4-2 Patriot League) opened the game with a 23-6 run. But Army (3-15, 1-5) closed the half with a 14-2 run to cut Lehigh's lead to seven.

The Black Knights made just seven of 24 field-goal attempts in the second half, 35 percent for the game, and were outbounded 39-20.

Colin Harris led Army with 18 points, while Matt Bell scored 13.

### BALCO's Conte seeks to avoid grand jury testimony

SAN FRANCISCO — The founder of the nutritional supplement firm at the center of a steroid scandal involving top athletes is trying to avoid testifying before a grand jury investigating allegations of steroid testing, according to court documents.

Victor Conte is subpoenaed to appear before the San Francisco panel Tuesday and turn over the contents of the center data in a computer from the Burlingame-based Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

Authorities raided his San Mateo house Wednesday, seizing a computer, cellular phone and lab records in an attempt to find the source of the leak. The grand jury investigation led to indictments of Conte and three other men connected to BALCO.

Conte's attorney, Richard Holley, said in a court filing Friday that the computer hard drive contains trial strategy, which is covered by attorney-client privilege.

### Angela Ruggiero

(center), who played on the past two women's U.S. Olympic teams, became the first woman to play a position other than goalie in a U.S. men's pro hockey game.



AP



# Eagles' Mitchell fires up Patriots

## Backup wide receiver riles some of secondary with TV comments

BY ROB MAADDI

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Freddie Mitchell's big mouth struck again.

The Philadelphia Eagles' other loquacious receiver — the one without the Pro Bowl pedigree and ankle injury — offended some Patriots when he dissed their secondary in a television interview.

Mitchell, a starter only because All-Pro Terrell Owens is hurt, said he just knew the numbers — not the names — of New England's cornerbacks. He singled out Rodney Harrison, saying he "has something" for the veteran strong safety.

"It just shows he doesn't have respect for us," Patriots cornerback Asante Samuel said Friday, responding to Mitchell's comments from a day earlier.

The Patriots' defensive backs will see Mitchell up close when the defending champions meet the Eagles in the Super Bowl next Sunday.

"You have so many young guys nowadays, so many young guys that don't have respect for the game," Harrison said. "Some people are just immature. Some people really haven't experienced certain things."

The Patriots have a patchwork secondary that includes a rookie free agent (Randall Gay), a converted wide receiver (Troy Brown) and a guy (Hank Poteat) who was taking college courses before the playoffs started.

Starters Tyrone Poole and Ty Law have been dissed by injuries most of the season, but the fill-ins shut down Peyton Manning and the rest of the Indianapolis Colts in a second-round playoff game and intercepted three passes off Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger in the AFC championship game.

"Freddie Mitchell is a guy who is getting time now because Terrell is hurt," Patriots linebacker Willie McGinest said. "We don't worry about what he's saying. He will have to deal with that on the field."

"All I can say is, Rodney Harrison is the wrong guy to mention, especially if you're a receiver. He (Mitchell) is not humble. He hasn't done enough in this league to be on TV talking about that. Philly has a lot more class than that. It's just one guy."

Mitchell's response to the Patriots' reaction? "I was joking. I don't care. It'll all be solved on Sunday," he said.

A first-round pick in 2001, Mitchell hasn't lived up to his potential in four seasons with the Eagles. He had five catches for 65 yards and two touchdowns, including one on a fumble recovery, in Philadelphia's second-round playoff victory over Minnesota. He caught just two passes for 20 yards in the NFC championship game against Atlanta.

"I'm a special player," Mitchell said after the victory over Minne-



PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER/AP/T

Philadelphia Eagles' Freddie Mitchell is tackled by Minnesota Vikings defenders in the NFC championship game. Mitchell angered the Patriots' secondary with comments during a TV interview last week.

sota. "I want to thank my hands for being so great."

Mitchell and the rest of the Eagles receivers clearly are tired of hearing about Owens, who had surgery to repair torn ankle ligaments on Dec. 22 and is trying to return for the Super Bowl despite his doctor's orders.

"We got that without T.O.," Mitchell said. "He's going to be a great addition if he comes, but we're going to stick with our guys. When he comes back, he'll be a huge help for us because he's one of the best receivers in the

game. Until then, let's talk about Greg Lewis, Todd Pinkston and Freddie Mitchell, the receivers who are here and won the NFC championship."

Mitchell later grabbed a reporter's microphone and bombarded Lewis with questions in a mock voice: "What about T.O.? Is he 80 percent? When is he coming back? How do the receivers get it done without T.O.?"

Lewis replied: "Everybody said we weren't capable of winning without T.O., but we proved them wrong."

Mitchell has something to prove to the Patriots.

# Jury acquits CB Fuller of gambling, gun charges

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Baltimore Ravens cornerback Corey Fuller was acquitted Saturday of all three gambling and gun charges after being accused of running high-stakes card games at his house.

The six-member jury deliberated a few hours before rejecting two days of prosecution testimony on charges carrying a possible

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five-year prison sentence.

The prosecution failed to prove Fuller either kept a gambling house, a felony, or gambled illegally, a misdemeanor. The verdict on the felony count automatically cleared him of a related weapons charge.

"Everything he tells you has an independent, innocent, non-criminal explanation," defense attorney Gary Roberts argued.

But Prosecutor Matt Smith told jurors that Fuller presided over the games like "a pit boss," armed and demanding the house cut, which was put in a shoe box. "It's not a game room," Smith said. "It's Casino Fuller, that's what it was."

Fuller acknowledged he was carrying a holster when his house was raided last April 20. He acquired a concealed weapon permit after a shootout at his house earlier in the year.

Fuller, a 10-year NFL veteran, had 13 tackles and no sacks in 14 games last season.

**Packers add RB coach Bennett**

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Former Green Bay Packers Ed Bennett was hired Friday as running backs coach.

Bennett replaces Johnny Roland, who accepted the same job with the New Orleans Saints.

The team's fourth-round draft selection in 1992, Bennett is the ninth-ranked runner in Packers history with 3,353 yards from 1992-96. He also holds the club's season record for receptions by a running back with 78, set in 1994.

Bennett spent the last four years in the team's player development department, and it was recognized in 2003 as the best in the NFL. He also helped coach the running backs over the last few years, assisted coaches and performed evaluations on selected players.

**Cowboys fire Jeffcoat**

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys fired assistant coach Jim Jeffcoat on Friday, ending a 19-year relationship between the team and the former first-round draft pick.

Jeffcoat, who had one year left on his contract, coached defensive ends for five years.

Jeffcoat, a first-round draft choice of the Cowboys in 1983, spent 12 years as a staple on the defensive line before joining the team as an assistant line coach in 1998.

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# 10 Bowls that were Super:

BY SCOTT ADAMSON

Birmingham (Ala.) Post Herald

The field is set for Super Bowl XXXIX, in which the New England Patriots will tangle with the Philadelphia Eagles on Feb. 6 in Jacksonville.

Will it be a close battle from start to finish or a blowout? The Super Bowl has featured plenty of both.

The 2003 showdown between Tampa Bay and Oakland was over almost as soon as it began, with the Buccaneers wiping out the Raiders 48-21.

In 1995, San Francisco embarrassed the San Diego 49-26, but that was nothing compared to Dallas' 52-17 drubbing of Buffalo in 1993, or the 49ers' 55-10 beatdown of Denver in 1990.

Yet, just as there have been plenty of blowouts in the Super Bowl, there have also been several contests that have been highly competitive and entertaining. Here are 10 of the best:

## SB XXXVIII: Feb. 1, 2004

**New England 32, Carolina 29:** Thirty-eight Super Bowls, and the NFL's best for last time.

Nearly a year ago in Houston, kicker Adam Vinatieri closed the books on one of the most exciting championship games ever when his 41-yard field goal with four seconds remaining gave the Patriots a victory over the Panthers.

It was the second time in three years Vinatieri had accounted for a victory in pro football's biggest contest, and his boot with four seconds to go sealed the deal on a title tilt for the ages.

One was a donnybrook from the opening kickoff, with Patriots quarterback Tom Brady going 32-for-48 for 354 yards and three TDs.

Carolina's Jake Delhomme was nearly as effective, also tossing three touchdowns and accounting for 323 yards through the air.

The frantic finish came with 1:08 to play when Brady and the Pats started at their own 40 following an errant Panthers kickoff. Brady calmly drove the team down the field, and Vinatieri took care of the rest.

## SB XXXVII: Feb. 3, 2002

**New England 20, St. Louis 17:** The finale of the 2002 season was supposed to be a showcase for the Rams, which possessed one of the greatest offenses in NFL history.

Instead, this game will be remembered as the one that saw the Cinderella Patriots shock the world with a final-play victory.

Although St. Louis finished the night with a 427-267 advantage in total yards, New England led 14-3 at halftime and pulled in front 17-3 late in the third quarter.

The Rams stormed back, and with 1:30 to go in regulation Kurt Warner threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Proehl to tie the score.

New England got the ball back with no timeouts, and TV announcer John Madden suggested that the Pats would simply run the clock out and try to win in overtime. Brady had other ideas.

## Commentary

Brady, who would win MVP honors thanks to a 16-for-27, 145-yard passing day, marched New England to the St. Louis 30, where Vinatieri nailed a 48-yard game-winner, marking the first time in Super Bowl history the game had been decided as time ran out.

## SB XXXIX: Jan. 30, 2006

**St. Louis 23, Tennessee 16:** This one didn't match the drama of the 2002 contest, but it came close.

The Rams made trouble moving the ball against a tough Titans defense, but managed to grab a 16-0 lead in the third quarter.

However, the Titans clawed back in contention, tying it at 16-all when Al Del Greco booted a 43-yard field goal with 2:12 remaining in the game.

Back came the Rams.

It took just a few seconds for St. Louis to regain the lead, this time with Warner hitting Issac Bruce on a 73-yard touchdown toss with 1:54 to go, Warner's only completion of the fourth quarter.

Tennessee responded, using the passing of Steve McNair to make it down to the St. Louis 10 with six seconds to go. With no timeouts, McNair threw to Kevin Dyson on a quick-slant pattern. He collided with Rams defender Mike Jones at the 1-yard line and — despite his best stretching maneuver — couldn't put the ball across the goal line, thus preserving the first Super Bowl victory in Rams franchise history.

## SB XXXII: Jan. 25, 1998

**Denver 31, Green Bay 24:** This was the game that was supposed to re-establish the Green



New England Patriots kicker Adam Vinatieri celebrates his game-winning field goal in the final seconds of Super Bowl XXXVIII in Houston.

Packers as an NFL dynasty. Instead, it gave Hall of Famer John Elway the only thing that had eluded him in his illustrious career — a world championship.

The NFC champion had claimed 13 consecutive Super Bowls, and most expected expected Brett Favre to lead the Packers to their second in a row.

However, Elway's passing and the rushing of Terrell Davis would help the Broncos build a 17-7 advantage before the half.

The contest went back and

forth after intermission, and the Packers tied things up at 24-24 with 3:27 showing on the fourth quarter clock.

With 1:45 to go, Denver made it 31-24 on a 1-yard plunge by Davis, but Green Bay had plenty of time to even things up once again and force overtime. Unfortunately for cheesedheads everywhere, John Mobley swatted down a fourth-down pass from Favre with 32 seconds remaining, and Denver had the championship.

## SB XXV: Jan. 27, 1991

**New York Giants 20, Buffalo 19:** While the 2002 Super Bowl was the first won on the final play, the Bills almost held that honor.

Almost, but not quite.

In an outstanding defensive game, the Giants controlled the ball for 40 minutes, 33 seconds, keeping the potent Buffalo offense off the field. Still, Buffalo had a 12-3 lead midway through the second quarter before the Giants closed the gap to 12-10 at the break.

With the Giants clinging to a 20-19 edge, the Bills drove into field goal range in the waning moments. Scott Norwood had a chance to win it for Buffalo with a 47-yard kick.

The attempt sailed wide right, however, giving New York its second Super Bowl title in five years and handing the Bills the first of four consecutive title-game setbacks.

## SB XXXII: Jan. 22, 1998

**San Francisco 20, Cincinnati 16:** Joe Montana already had established himself as one of the all-time greats by leading the

49ers to two Super Bowl titles. This game, however, was one to remember.

Cincinnati held a 16-13 lead with 3:20 to go when San Francisco took over at its 8-yard line. Montana would move San Francisco 82 yards in 11 snaps, capped off by a 10-yard scoring toss to John Taylor with 34 seconds to go.

Montana closed out the day by connecting on 23 of 36 passes for a record 357 yards and two scores, while Jerry Rice was chosen MVP thanks to 11 catches and 215 yards, another Super Bowl record.

## SB XVI: Jan. 24, 1982

**San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 21:** Montana again put up big passing numbers, but it was the four field goals by Ray Wersching that made the difference.

San Francisco built a 20-0 lead and never trailed. The Bengals made the game look closer than it actually was when Kern Anderson hit Dan Ross on a 3-yard scoring pass with 16 seconds remaining.

## SB XIII: Jan. 21, 1979

**Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31:** This game turned out the Terry Bradshaw show, with the former Louisiana Tech standout throwing four touchdowns passes to help Pittsburgh become the first team to win three Super Bowls.

Another game not as close as the score would indicate, the Steelers built a 35-17 lead before the Cowboys came back to make it look respectable.

Bradshaw, in an MVP performance, was 17-for-30 passing for 318 yards.

## SB X: Jan. 18, 1976

**Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17:** Again it was Bradshaw who paced the Steelers, hitting Lynn Swann on a 64-yard TD pass to set the tone for a contest that saw Dallas forced to play catch-up most of the night.

The Cowboys' chance at a dramatic come-from-behind victory came up short when Roger Staubach was intercepted in the end zone on the final play of the game.

## SB V: Jan. 17, 1971

**Baltimore 16, Dallas 13:** Thirty-one years before Vinatieri won the Super Bowl on the final play, Colts coach Jim O'Brien did the honors with five seconds to go on a 32-yard field goal.

The Colts and Cowboys had been looked in a defensive struggle all afternoon, with the Cowboys holding a 13-6 edge at the half before Baltimore tied things up on John Mackey's 75-yard TD reception from Earl Edwards — a pass that was tipped by Dallas defender Mel Renfro after glancing off the hands of Colts receiver Eddie Hinton.

Aside from the late game heroics, the fifth Super Bowl is notable for two other things: It was the first played on artificial turf and Dallas' Clemon Ellis was the first defensive player and first player on a losing team to be selected Most Valuable Player.



Tennessee Titans WR Kevin Dyson (87) is tackled short of the goal line by St. Louis Rams LB Mike Jones on the final play of Super Bowl XXXIV to preserve the Rams' 23-16 victory.

# Miller strikes gold as worlds open

American star holds off three Austrians with a rousing effort

BY ANDREW DAMPF  
The Associated Press

BORMIO, Italy — Bode Miller won the super giant slalom Saturday to open the Alpine World Ski Championships, gaining his first victory in six weeks despite nearly jumping off the course midway through his run.

Miller, who plans to race all six events in the worlds, covered the Stelvio course in 1 minute, 27.55 seconds to gain his sixth medal in world championships and Olympic competition.

He was followed by three Austrians: Michael Walchhofer, 0.14 seconds behind; Benjamin Raich, second to Miller in the overall World Cup standings, 0.68 back; and Hermann Maier, 0.85 behind. Miller's American teammate, Daron Rahvles, the 2001 super-G world champion, was 10th.

"It feels good. It has been awhile," Miller said. "I wasn't the best of runs, but when I came down and crossed the finish I thought I would be lucky to hang



Bode Miller shows off the gold medal he earned for winning Saturday's super-G, the opening event of the Alpine World Ski Championships.

on to a top-three. I was surprised to have won."

He usually focuses more on skiing well than posting a good result.

"But sometimes you just have to take the result," he said. "On a day where no one had a perfect run and you were the best, it's still a good feeling."

Miller began the season by piloting six victories in the first 10

racings, but hadn't won since capturing a night slalom in Sestriere, Italy on Dec. 13.

Miller went farther than any other skier on the longest jump, landing outside the lines indicating the course for skiers and had to immediately change direction at full speed to make it past the next gate.

In the previous worlds, at St. Moritz, Switzerland, in 2003, Mill-

er tied for second with Maier behind super-G winner Stephan Eberharter, an Austrian who retired after last season.

This race lived up to its billing as a duel between Austrians and Americans, with the elite portion coming down to the final five skiers, all from the two countries.

Raich started No. 26 and posted the fastest time to that point.

Then came Miller with the No. 27 bib, showing his usual unorthodox, flailing form but skiing far faster than anyone else all the way through.

Walchhofer was next and held a 0.04-second lead on Miller at the final split, only to succumb to a slight slip in the final section.

"I'm so happy because my super-G is never as good as my downhill," said Walchhofer, who will defend his downhill world title next Saturday. "It was important — two medals. There is a lot of pressure in Austria for skiing."

Rahvles started 29th but was behind by the first checkpoint and lost more time as he made his way to the finish.

Maier, who won a super-G in Kitzbuehel, Austria, on Monday, was the final top skier out of the starting hut. He was in position for a top-three finish at the last split, but he also lost a lot of time on the final section featuring a jump just before the finish line.

The women's super-G is Sunday in nearby Santa Caterina Valfurva.

## Alpine World Ski Championships

### Men's Super-G Stelvio Course (1.3 miles) Bormio, Italy

1. Bode Miller, United States, 1 minute, 27.55 seconds.
2. Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 1:27.69.
3. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 1:28.21.
4. Hermann Maier, Austria, 1:28.40.
5. Marco Buechler, Liechtenstein, 1:28.61.
6. Florian Eckert, Germany, 1:28.69.
7. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 1:29.16.
8. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 1:29.16.
9. David Poisson, France, 1:29.24.
10. Daron Rahvles, United States, 1:29.25.
11. Lasse Kjus, Norway, 1:29.31.
12. Ambrosi Hoffmann, Switzerland, 1:29.45.
13. Francois Bourque, Canada, 1:29.57.
14. Peter Fill, Italy, 1:29.58.
15. Bruno Kernen, Switzerland, 1:29.60.
16. Tobias Grünenfelder, Switzerland, 1:29.61.
17. Andrej Jerman, Slovenia, 1:29.64.
18. Bjørnar Solbakken, Norway, 1:29.67.
19. Erik Guay, Canada, 1:29.74.
20. Kurt Sulzenbacher, Italy, 1:29.80.
21. Stephan Georgy, Austria, 1:29.81.
22. Njelli Andre Asmott, Norway, 1:29.86.
23. Finlay Mickel, Britain, 1:30.11.
24. Alex Gorza, Slovenia, 1:30.16.
25. John Kucera, Canada, 1:30.22.
26. Ondrej Bank, Czech Republic, 1:30.26.
- (tie) Patrik Laerby, Sweden, 1:30.28.
28. Scott Macartney, United States, 1:30.32.
29. Andreas Ertl, Germany, 1:30.43.
30. Luke Deane, Australia, 1:30.45.
- (tie) Johnny Albertsen, Denmark, 1:30.45.
31. Pierre-Emmanuel Dalcin, France, 1:30.47.
32. Dane Spenser, United States, 1:30.70.
33. Jurek Zakoril, Czech Republic, 1:31.06.
34. Petr Záhrobsky, Czech Republic, 1:31.15.
35. Pavel Chesnokov, Russia, 1:31.19.
36. Michael Riegler, Liechtenstein, 1:31.58.
37. Craig Branch, Austria, 1:31.62.
38. Sergei Komarov, Russia, 1:31.85.
39. Dmitri Litvinov, Russia, 1:31.93.
40. Roger Cruickshank, Britain, 1:32.24.
41. Brad Wall, Australia, 1:32.75.
42. Bernard Valjic, Slovenia, 1:32.82.
- (tie) Claudio Sponcer, Liechtenstein, 1:32.82.
45. Alex Antor, Andorra, 1:32.94.



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## SPORTS

## Sources: Cubs, Orioles close on Sosa deal

BY RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Chicago Cubs were close to agreement on a trade to send unhappy slugger Sammy Sosa to the Baltimore Orioles, several high-ranking baseball officials told The Associated Press.

Medical tests and approval from Commissioner Bud Selig and the players' association remain unresolved, the officials said Friday night, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The Cubs would pay a substantial part of Sosa's \$17 million salary this season, the executives said. Sosa would agree to void his salary scheduled for 2006, they also said.

Chicago would receive second baseman Jerry Hairston Jr. and at least two prospects.

Sosa's contract gives the Cubs an \$18 million option in 2006 with a \$4.5 million buyout. But the contract says that if he is traded, his 2006 salary would become guaranteed and a 2007 club option would be added at \$19 million with a \$4.5 million buyout.

The players' association previously told Sosa's agent, Adam Katz, that voiding the 2007 option would not be a problem if Sosa is traded.

"I haven't spoken with anybody about the particulars, but from what I understand in all conversations that what was being discussed was cleared a while back," said Gene Orza, the union's chief operating officer.

The teams had not finalized a deal, the executives said. Selig's approval is necessary because the trade would involve the



The Chicago Cubs have been trying to trade Sammy Sosa since the season finale, when he left Wrigley Field during the game.

transfer of \$1 million or more. Sosa also must waive his no-trade clause.

Orioles executive vice president Jim Beattie and vice president Mike Flanagan could not be reached for comment. Cubs spokesman Sharon Panazzo could not be reached for comment and Katz declined to comment.

Friday afternoon, the Cubs also were talking to the Washington Nationals about a deal to send Sosa to the new team in the nation's capital.

The Cubs have been looking for a taker for Sosa since the end of the season, when he skipped out on the finale at Wrigley Field.

Sosa initially claimed he didn't leave until the seventh inning, but the Cubs produced videotapes showing him leaving shortly after the game began and fired him \$87,500 — one day's salary.

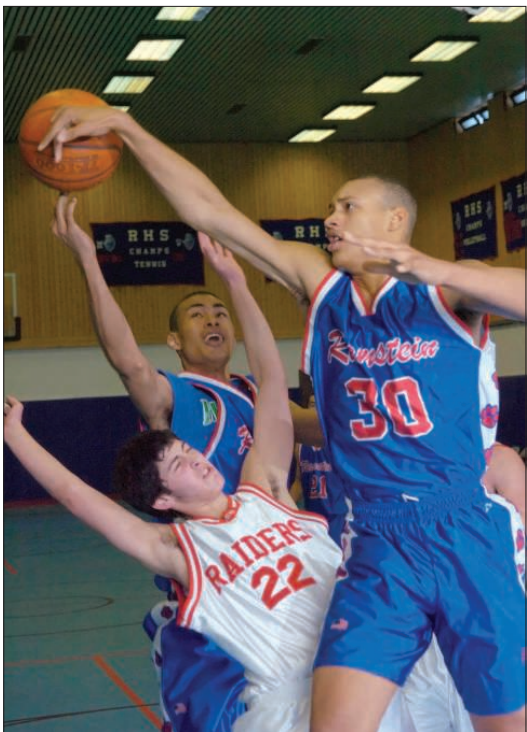
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## Stuck in the middle



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International School of Brussels' Guy Gershon is given the squeeze by Ramstein's Daniel Dixon and Alex Tremble, right, Saturday at Ramstein, Germany. Ramstein beat ISB 55-33. Prep coverage, Pages 38-40.

Eagles receiver Mitchell filling in for Owens on field, irking Patriots' defense with brash comments

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Two-time women's hockey Olympian Ruggiero starts, assists on goal in men's professional game

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